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INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

| Period. | Victoria. | | | Melbourne and Suburbs. |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | |
| Census— | | | | |
| 1901 (31st March) .. . | 603,720 | 597,350 | 1,201,070 | 496,079 |
| 1911 (3rd April) .. . | 655,591 | 659,960 | 1,315,551 | 593,237 |
| 1921 (4th April) .. . | 754,724 | 776,556 | 1,531,280 | 782,979 |
| 1933 (30th June) .. . | 903,244 | 917,017 | 1,820,261 | 991,934 |
| 1947 (30th June) .. . | 1,013,867 | 1,040,834 | 2,054,701 | 1,226,409 |
| 1954 (30th June) .. . | 1,231,099 | 1,221,242 | 2,452,341 | (a) 1,524,111 |
| At 30th June, 1956 (estimated) .. . | 1,314,537 | 1,290,551 | 2,605,088 | — |
| At 31st December (estimated)— | | | | |
| 1951 (b) .. . | 1,150,009 | 1,149,529 | 2,299,538 | 1,330,800 |
| 1952 (b) .. . | 1,189,262 | 1,177,457 | 2,366,719 | 1,359,100 |
| 1953 (b) .. . | 1,212,060 | 1,203,975 | 2,416,035 | 1,388,800 |
| 1954 (b) .. . | 1,246,591 | 1,234,286 | 2,480,877 | 1,544,500 |
| 1955 .. . | 1,288,058 | 1,266,963 | 2,555,021 | 1,595,300 |
| At 31st Dec., 1956 (estimated) .. . | 1,328,357 | 1,304,266 | 2,632,623 | 1,649,000 |

(a) Area of Melbourne and Suburbs was re-defined for statistical purposes as from 1st January, 1954.

(b) Revised in accordance with the final result of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

| Period. | Number of— | | | | Rate per 1,000 of Population. | | | Infantile Mortality. |
|---|------------|---------|---------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------------------|
| | Marriages. | Births. | Deaths. | Deaths under One Year. | Marriage. | Birth. | Death. | |
| Year ended 31st December— | | | | | | | | |
| 1951 .. . | 21,117 | 50,553 | 23,446 | 1,143 | 9.28 | 22.21 | 10.30 | 22.61 |
| 1952 .. . | 20,220 | 53,738 | 23,322 | 1,198 | 8.63 | 22.93 | 9.95 | 22.29 |
| 1953 .. . | 19,238 | 53,561 | 22,650 | 1,133 | 8.03 | 22.36 | 9.45 | 21.15 |
| 1954 .. . | 19,404 | 54,660 | 22,554 | 1,055 | (a) 7.91 | (a) 22.28 | (a) 9.19 | 19.30 |
| 1955 .. . | 20,056 | 56,336 | 22,527 | 1,035 | (a) 7.94 | (a) 22.30 | (a) 8.92 | 18.37 |
| Equivalent Annual Rate per 1,000 of Population. (a) | | | | | | | | |
| 1956— | | | | | | | | |
| March Quarter .. | 5,360 | 14,757 | 4,867 | 260 | 8.34 | 22.95 | 7.57 | 17.62 |
| June Quarter .. | 4,825 | 14,268 | 5,770 | 263 | 7.43 | 21.98 | 8.89 | 18.43 |
| September Quarter | 4,368 | 14,579 | 7,340 | 298 | 6.68 | 22.30 | 11.23 | 20.44 |

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

| Causes of Death. | Year ended 31st December | | Quarter ended 30th June— | | Quarter ended 30th September— | |
|--|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| | 1954. | 1955. | 1955. | 1956. (a) | 1955. | 1956. (a) |
| | | | | | | |
| Tuberculosis .. . | 245 | 222 | 60 | 40 | 70 | 56 |
| Malignant Neoplasms .. . | 3,370 | 3,532 | 905 | 931 | 887 | 924 |
| Diabetes .. . | 379 | 420 | 113 | 132 | 128 | 139 |
| Vascular Lesions affecting Central Nervous System .. . | 3,099 | 3,060 | 802 | 794 | 899 | 1,020 |
| Diseases of the Heart .. . | 7,383 | 7,538 | 1,926 | 1,910 | 2,349 | 2,541 |
| General Arteriosclerosis .. . | 830 | 791 | 197 | 203 | 264 | 334 |
| Pneumonia .. . | 673 | 568 | 141 | 128 | 208 | 255 |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis .. . | 354 | 311 | 81 | 60 | 90 | 98 |
| Certain Diseases of Early Infancy .. . | 658 | 602 | 184 | 149 | 143 | 158 |
| Accidents .. . | 1,245 | 1,216 | 295 | 343 | 331 | 344 |

(a) Subject to revision.

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.
VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT.
(Thousands.)

| Month. | Total Employment.(a) | | | Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups. | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------|---|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | Government Employment.(b) | Private Employment. | Total. | Mining and Quarrying. | Factories.(c) | Building and Construction. | Transport and Communication. | Retail Trade. | Other Commerce and Finance. | Professional and Personal Services.(d) |
| MALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July | 90·0 | 267·5 | 357·5 | 5·5 | 128·4 | 36·4 | 45·4 | 75·9 | | 35·9 |
| 1952—June | 153·7 | 370·8 | 524·5 | 5·2 | 204·1 | 52·3 | 71·3 | 35·9 | 55·4 | 49·0 |
| 1953—June | 150·9 | 370·7 | 521·6 | 5·3 | 206·4 | 49·5 | 69·0 | 36·3 | 54·7 | 49·4 |
| 1954—June | 154·8 | 384·9 | 539·7 | 4·9 | 216·1 | 51·5 | 72·0 | 36·9 | 57·2 | 50·1 |
| 1955—June | 158·2 | 398·5 | 556·7 | 4·8 | 223·4 | 54·3 | 72·9 | 37·2 | 59·9 | 52·0 |
| 1956—June | 160·2 | 404·2 | 564·4 | 4·8 | 227·2 | 53·6 | 72·1 | 37·8 | 61·7 | 53·8 |
| July | 160·0 | 403·1 | 563·1 | 4·7 | 226·2 | 53·0 | 72·6 | 37·7 | 61·4 | 53·9 |
| August | 159·7 | 401·7 | 561·4 | 4·7 | 225·3 | 52·2 | 72·9 | 37·6 | 61·1 | 54·2 |
| September | 159·6 | 402·0 | 561·6 | 4·7 | 225·1 | 51·7 | 72·7 | 37·7 | 61·7 | 54·9 |
| October | 158·5 | 402·4 | 560·9 | 4·7 | 224·1 | 51·0 | 72·9 | 37·8 | 61·7 | 55·6 |
| November | 159·3 | 404·5 | 563·8 | 4·7 | 224·6 | 50·9 | 73·4 | 38·6 | 62·2 | 56·3 |
| December | 159·7 | 403·3 | 563·0 | 4·6 | 224·3 | 51·1 | 73·1 | 39·1 | 62·4 | 55·5 |
| FEMALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July | 16·8 | 126·1 | 142·9 | 0·1 | 63·9 | 0·3 | 3·3 | 30·8 | | 34·3 |
| 1952—June | 36·9 | 169·7 | 206·6 | 0·1 | 76·6 | 1·1 | 11·6 | 30·8 | 20·2 | 56·6 |
| 1953—June | 35·6 | 170·3 | 205·9 | 0·1 | 79·6 | 1·1 | 10·6 | 29·8 | 19·8 | 56·1 |
| 1954—June | 36·3 | 181·4 | 217·7 | 0·1 | 86·6 | 1·2 | 10·3 | 31·6 | 21·2 | 57·9 |
| 1955—June | 39·2 | 187·8 | 227·0 | 0·1 | 88·2 | 1·3 | 11·0 | 33·8 | 22·5 | 60·8 |
| 1956—June | 41·9 | 191·3 | 233·2 | 0·1 | 89·4 | 1·3 | 11·6 | 33·8 | 24·3 | 63·0 |
| July | 42·0 | 190·5 | 232·5 | 0·1 | 88·7 | 1·3 | 11·6 | 33·4 | 24·2 | 63·2 |
| August | 41·9 | 190·0 | 231·9 | 0·1 | 88·2 | 1·3 | 11·6 | 33·0 | 24·2 | 63·7 |
| September | 41·6 | 190·7 | 232·3 | 0·1 | 88·5 | 1·3 | 11·6 | 33·1 | 24·2 | 63·7 |
| October | 41·0 | 192·3 | 233·3 | 0·1 | 88·5 | 1·3 | 11·6 | 33·4 | 24·2 | 64·5 |
| November | 41·3 | 194·2 | 235·5 | 0·1 | 88·7 | 1·3 | 12·0 | 34·3 | 24·2 | 65·2 |
| December | 40·9 | 192·0 | 232·9 | 0·1 | 87·3 | 1·3 | 11·5 | 34·7 | 24·2 | 63·9 |
| PERSONS. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July | 106·8 | 393·6 | 500·4 | 5·6 | 192·3 | 36·7 | 48·7 | 106·7 | | 70·2 |
| 1952—June | 190·6 | 540·5 | 731·1 | 5·3 | 280·7 | 53·4 | 82·9 | 66·7 | 75·6 | 105·6 |
| 1953—June | 186·5 | 541·0 | 727·5 | 5·4 | 286·0 | 50·6 | 79·6 | 66·1 | 74·5 | 105·5 |
| 1954—June | 191·1 | 566·3 | 757·4 | 5·0 | 302·7 | 52·7 | 82·3 | 68·5 | 78·4 | 108·0 |
| 1955—June | 197·4 | 586·3 | 783·7 | 4·9 | 311·6 | 55·6 | 83·9 | 71·0 | 82·4 | 112·8 |
| 1956—June | 202·1 | 595·5 | 797·6 | 4·9 | 316·6 | 54·0 | 83·7 | 71·6 | 86·0 | 116·8 |
| July | 202·0 | 593·6 | 795·6 | 4·8 | 314·9 | 54·3 | 84·2 | 71·1 | 85·6 | 117·1 |
| August | 201·6 | 591·7 | 793·3 | 4·8 | 313·5 | 53·5 | 84·5 | 70·6 | 85·3 | 117·9 |
| September | 201·2 | 592·7 | 793·9 | 4·8 | 313·6 | 53·0 | 84·3 | 70·8 | 85·9 | 118·6 |
| October | 199·5 | 594·7 | 794·2 | 4·8 | 312·6 | 52·3 | 84·5 | 71·2 | 85·9 | 120·1 |
| November | 200·6 | 598·7 | 799·3 | 4·8 | 313·3 | 52·2 | 85·4 | 72·9 | 86·4 | 121·5 |
| December | 200·6 | 595·3 | 795·9 | 4·7 | 311·6 | 52·4 | 84·6 | 73·8 | 86·6 | 119·4 |

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Force at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948) subject to revision.

(b) Employees of Commonwealth, State, Local, and Semi-Governmental authorities.

(c) From July, 1948, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment &c. and Personal Service (Hotels Restaurants &c., excluding female private domestic).

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

(*Adult Males.*)

| Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in— | Melbourne. | Ballarat. | Bendigo. | Geelong. | Warrnambool. | Five Towns—Weighted Average. |
|---|------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|------------------------------|
| | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| 1939—September .. | 81 0 | 77 0 | 76 0 | 80 0 | 80 0 | 80 0 |
| 1950—February .. | 134 0 | 130 0 | 130 0 | 133 0 | 132 0 | 134 0 |
| May .. | 137 0 | 133 0 | 133 0 | 136 0 | 135 0 | 136 0 |
| August .. | 140 0 | 135 0 | 136 0 | 139 0 | 139 0 | 140 0 |
| November .. | 143 0 | 138 0 | 139 0 | 142 0 | 143 0 | 142 0 |
| December .. | 162 0 | 157 0 | 158 0 | 161 0 | 162 0 | 161 0 |
| 1951—February .. | 170 0 | 164 0 | 164 0 | 167 0 | 170 0 | 169 0 |
| May .. | 177 0 | 171 0 | 171 0 | 175 0 | 177 0 | 177 0 |
| August .. | 189 0 | 188 0 | 182 0 | 190 0 | 188 0 | 189 0 |
| November .. | 199 0 | 198 0 | 194 0 | 198 0 | 202 0 | 199 0 |
| 1952—February .. | 209 0 | 208 0 | 205 0 | 207 0 | 211 0 | 209 0 |
| May .. | 212 0 | 211 0 | 209 0 | 211 0 | 215 0 | 212 0 |
| August .. | 224 0 | 221 0 | 221 0 | 222 0 | 227 0 | 224 0 |
| November .. | 228 0 | 227 0 | 226 0 | 227 0 | 233 0 | 228 0 |
| 1953—February .. | 229 0 | 226 0 | 226 0 | 227 0 | 234 0 | 229 0 |
| May .. | 232 0 | 228 0 | 229 0 | 228 0 | 235 0 | 231 0 |
| August (a) .. | 235 0 | 232 0 | 232 0 | 232 0 | 239 0 | 235 0 |
| 1956—June (b) .. | 245 0 | 242 0 | 242 0 | 242 0 | 249 0 | 245 0 |

(a) Automatic adjustment of basic wage discontinued in Commonwealth Awards by the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced on 12th September, 1953.

(b) By a decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on 25th May, 1956. Automatic quarterly adjustments not restored.

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

MELBOURNE—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES UNDER STATE WAGES BOARDS DETERMINATIONS. (a) (ADULT MALES.)

| Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in— | Amount. |
|---|---------|
| | s. d. |
| 1953—November .. | 237 0 |
| 1954—February .. | 238 0 |
| May .. | 237 0 |
| August .. | 236 0 |
| November .. | 234 0 |
| 1955—February .. | 235 0 |
| May .. | 237 0 |
| August .. | 240 0 |
| November .. | 246 0 |
| 1956—February .. | 251 0 |
| May .. | 256 0 |
| August (b) .. | 263 0 |

(a) No basic wage declared but the rates shown are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Labour and Industry Act requires Wages Boards to provide for automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers.

(b) Automatic adjustment of wages in accordance with the Commonwealth Statistician's "All Items" retail price index numbers was discontinued after August, 1956.

Note.—Prior to November, 1953, rates generally followed were those fixed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

VICTORIA—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK.

| Period. | Number. | Workpeople Involved. | | | Working Days Lost. | Estimated Loss in Wages. | |
|----------------|---------|----------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| | | Directly. | Indirectly. (a) | Total. | | | |
| | | | | | | £'000 | |
| 1939 Year | .. | 10 | 1,989 | 180 | 2,169 | 27,313 | 20 |
| 1952 .. | .. | 33 | 60,753 | 1,167 | 61,920 | 116,339 | 339 |
| 1953 .. | .. | 53 | 65,962 | 2,164 | 68,126 | 57,160 | 176 |
| 1954 .. | .. | 76 | 42,476 | 2,337 | 44,813 | 135,307 | 458 |
| 1955 .. | .. | 66 | 33,255 | 2,287 | 35,542 | 138,507 | 435 |
| 1956 .. | .. | 54 | 35,594 | 2,283 | 37,877 | 111,665 | 385 |
| 1955—March Qr. | .. | 25 | 8,539 | 824 | 9,363 | 21,339 | 63 |
| June Qr. | .. | 21 | 12,546 | 1,014 | 13,560 | 20,475 | 64 |
| September Qr. | | 9 | 3,888 | 265 | 4,153 | 78,338 | 240 |
| December Qr. | | 11 | 8,282 | 184 | 8,466 | 18,355 | 68 |
| 1956—March Qr. | .. | 23 | 16,540 | 1,317 | 17,857 | 85,545 | 302 |
| June Qr. | .. | 7 | 5,287 | 110 | 5,397 | 10,114 | 33 |
| September Qr. | | 16 | 10,539 | 48 | 10,587 | 8,552 | 29 |
| December Qr. | | 8 | 3,228 | 808 | 4,036 | 7,454 | 21 |

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

Note.—The above statement has been compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923–27 = 1,000.)

| Period. | Melbourne. | Ballarat. | Bendigo. | Geelong. | Warrnambool. | Five Towns—Weighted Average. |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|------------------------------|
| November 1914 .. | 671 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| ," 1921 .. | 1,003 | 992 | 1,002 | 1,019 | 1,034 | 1,003 |
| Year 1932 .. | 813 | 776 | 808 | 794 | 838 | 811 |
| ," 1939 .. | 924 | 874 | 875 | 911 | 918 | 920 |
| ," 1947 .. | 1,188 | 1,132 | 1,141 | 1,170 | 1,186 | 1,184 |
| ," 1948 .. | 1,294 | 1,243 | 1,244 | 1,278 | 1,283 | 1,290 |
| ," 1949 .. | 1,415 | 1,365 | 1,365 | 1,397 | 1,398 | 1,411 |
| ," 1950 .. | 1,565 | 1,509 | 1,520 | 1,549 | 1,558 | 1,561 |
| ," 1951 .. | 1,880 | 1,857 | 1,826 | 1,871 | 1,886 | 1,877 |
| ," 1952 .. | 2,170 | 2,147 | 2,139 | 2,154 | 2,205 | 2,168 |
| ," 1953 .. | 2,285 | 2,265 | 2,261 | 2,263 | 2,323 | 2,283 |
| ," 1954 .. | 2,288 | 2,272 | 2,266 | 2,268 | 2,345 | 2,286 |
| ," 1955 .. | 2,365 | 2,340 | 2,339 | 2,341 | 2,407 | 2,363 |
| ," 1956 .. | 2,567 | 2,529 | 2,540 | 2,538 | 2,592 | 2,564 |
| 1955—March Quarter | 2,302 | 2,276 | 2,280 | 2,275 | 2,356 | 2,300 |
| June Quarter .. | 2,329 | 2,310 | 2,310 | 2,319 | 2,381 | 2,328 |
| September Qr. | 2,392 | 2,365 | 2,359 | 2,363 | 2,419 | 2,389 |
| December Qr. | 2,436 | 2,408 | 2,406 | 2,407 | 2,472 | 2,433 |
| 1956—March Quarter | 2,481 | 2,437 | 2,451 | 2,451 | 2,481 | 2,478 |
| June Quarter .. | 2,555 | 2,514 | 2,516 | 2,520 | 2,582 | 2,551 |
| September Qr. | 2,628 | 2,594 | 2,607 | 2,597 | 2,659 | 2,626 |
| December Qr. | 2,603 | 2,572 | 2,587 | 2,585 | 2,644 | 2,601 |

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. A table relating to this index for varying periods from 1861 to 1950 is shown in issue No. 26 (March, 1953) of this publication. Particulars for subsequent years may be found in the "Labour Report" issued annually by the Commonwealth Statistician.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices referred to in the previous paragraph. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928–29 to 1934–35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Basic Materials. | | | | | | | Basic Materials and Foodstuffs. | | | All Groups |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| | Metals and Coal. | Oils, Fats, and Waxes. | Textiles. | Chemicals. | Rubber and Hides. | Building Materials. | Total. | Foodstuffs and Tobacco. | Goods Principally Imported. (a) | Goods Principally Home Produced. | |
| 1928–29 Year .. | 127 | 106 | 129 | 121 | 115 | 95 | 114 | 107 | 91 | 118 | 110 |
| 1931–32 .. | 108 | 113 | 77 | 119 | 74 | 95 | 101 | 86 | 100 | 92 | 95 |
| 1938–39 .. | 103 | 100 | 82 | 101 | 92 | 97 | 99 | 103 | 99 | 102 | 101 |
| 1945–46 .. | 130 | 156 | 152 | 142 | 140 | 177 | 149 | 135 | 178 | 126 | 141 |
| 1946–47 .. | 132 | 145 | 191 | 140 | 131 | 180 | 149 | 138 | 177 | 129 | 143 |
| 1947–48 .. | 146 | 161 | 283 | 148 | 126 | 190 | 166 | 153 | 192 | 145 | 159 |
| 1948–49 .. | 185 | 173 | 342 | 159 | 130 | 198 | 188 | 175 | 201 | 173 | 181 |
| 1949–50 .. | 214 | 184 | 434 | 187 | 143 | 225 | 214 | 198 | 223 | 198 | 205 |
| 1950–51 .. | 256 | 196 | 641 | 242 | 292 | 268 | 264 | 232 | 256 | 242 | 246 |
| 1951–52 .. | 343 | 220 | 577 | 314 | 298 | 370 | 321 | 281 | 288 | 305 | 300 |
| 1952–53 .. | 392 | 234 | 607 | 350 | 224 | 404 | 350 | 294 | 292 | 331 | 320 |
| 1953–54 .. | 388 | 222 | 566 | 323 | 191 | 363 | 332 | 313 | 271 | 343 | 321 |
| 1954–55 .. | 391 | 214 | 510 | 314 | 246 | 372 | 330 | 311 | 277 | 338 | 320 |
| 1955–56 .. | 404 | 220 | 456 | 317 | 328 | 415 | 345 | 332 | 292 | 357 | 338 |
| 1955–56— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 397 | 214 | 486 | 315 | 307 | 398 | 338 | 331 | 281 | 357 | 334 |
| August .. | 397 | 215 | 452 | 315 | 323 | 398 | 337 | 329 | 282 | 354 | 333 |
| September .. | 405 | 215 | 441 | 315 | 333 | 398 | 340 | 329 | 290 | 352 | 334 |
| October .. | 405 | 215 | 441 | 315 | 336 | 398 | 340 | 325 | 289 | 350 | 332 |
| November .. | 404 | 216 | 437 | 317 | 347 | 407 | 342 | 331 | 291 | 355 | 336 |
| December .. | 404 | 216 | 447 | 317 | 342 | 407 | 342 | 326 | 291 | 352 | 334 |
| January .. | 405 | 216 | 453 | 317 | 330 | 407 | 343 | 327 | 288 | 354 | 334 |
| February .. | 405 | 216 | 453 | 317 | 325 | 408 | 343 | 318 | 288 | 347 | 329 |
| March .. | 405 | 230 | 446 | 317 | 323 | 425 | 350 | 332 | 299 | 357 | 340 |
| April .. | 403 | 230 | 456 | 318 | 326 | 442 | 353 | 337 | 303 | 362 | 344 |
| May .. | 410 | 231 | 477 | 317 | 322 | 444 | 357 | 344 | 304 | 369 | 350 |
| June .. | 409 | 231 | 482 | 318 | 326 | 444 | 357 | 351 | 299 | 376 | 353 |
| 1956–57— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 410 | 232 | 461 | 344 | 314 | 444 | 358 | (b)358 | 301 | (b) 382 | (b)358 |
| August .. | 409 | 240 | 481 | 344 | 315 | 445 | 362 | (b)370 | 303 | (b) 393 | (b)366 |
| September .. | 411 | 241 | 513 | 344 | 312 | 467 | 368 | 378 | 309 | 401 | 373 |
| October .. | 410 | 241 | (b)503 | 344 | 306 | 467 | (b)367 | 374 | (b) 310 | 396 | 371 |
| November .. | 413 | 241 | (b)522 | 344 | 306 | 467 | (b)369 | 341 | (b) 314 | 371 | 354 |
| December .. | 412 | 241 | (b)528 | 344 | 307 | 467 | (b)369 | 322 | (b) 315 | 355 | 343 |

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

(b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—During 1956 supplies and prices of potatoes and onions fluctuated upwards and downwards between abnormally wide limits. These fluctuations were so great as to dominate the movement of the sections of the index in which these items were included, namely, "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", "Goods Principally Home Produced" and "All Groups". Indexes for these items were reconstructed by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician by excluding potatoes and onions. Indexes shown in the above table however include potatoes and onions for these items for purposes of comparability with indexes for previous years.

**IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE AND REPATRIATION
BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.**

A.—SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

| Period. | Pensioners at End of Period. (a) | | Widows' Pensions (e) in Force at End of Period. | | Maternity Allowances (d) Granted During Period. | Child Endowment. (f) | |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|--|--------------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Age. | Invalid. | Maintaining a Child. | Not Maintaining a Child. | | Claims Current at End of Period. | Endowed Children at End of Period. |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 1913-14 Year .. | 27,150 | 4,844 | .. | .. | (e) | .. | .. |
| 1920-21 .. | 30,385 | 11,174 | .. | .. | 36,778 | .. | .. |
| 1930-31 .. | 49,999 | 19,925 | .. | .. | 32,241 | .. | .. |
| 1938-39 .. | (b) 67,896 | (b) 19,471 | .. | .. | 20,819 | .. | .. |
| 1949-50 .. | 84,831 | 14,328 | 3,892 | 7,168 | 49,035 | 168,904 | (g) 452,333 |
| 1950-51 .. | 86,210 | 13,977 | 3,842 | 6,789 | 50,210 | 301,805 | 605,673 |
| 1951-52 .. | 87,845 | 13,973 | 3,724 | 6,498 | 52,144 | 317,591 | 642,693 |
| 1952-53 .. | 93,353 | 15,019 | 3,885 | 6,288 | 55,297 | 328,561 | 672,525 |
| 1953-54 .. | 98,210 | 15,882 | 3,885 | 5,942 | 54,219 | 339,022 | 699,220 |
| 1954-55 .. | 106,406 | 17,074 | 3,995 | 5,800 | 55,720 | 350,395 | 729,399 |
| 1955-56 .. | 112,649 | 18,113 | 4,343 | 5,903 | 58,385 | 361,848 | 760,667 |
| 1st July, 1956, to 24th December, 1956 .. | 114,279 | 18,501 | 4,549 | 6,096 | 29,397 | 365,827 | 777,110 |

(a) Excluding age and invalid pensioners in benevolent institutions.

(b) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(c) Commenced from 1st July, 1942. Particulars exclude pensions payable to widows in benevolent institutions.

(d) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(e) Not available.

(f) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

(g) As from 20th June, 1950, endowment became payable in respect of all children under sixteen years of age in a family.

| Period. | Unemployment Benefits.(a) | | Sickness Benefits.(a) | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Admissions During Period. | On Benefit at End of Period.(b) | Admissions During Period. | On Benefit at End of Period.(b) |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 1945-46 Year .. | 2,695 | 579 | 10,169 | 1,790 |
| 1946-47 .. | 16,187 | 667 | 14,550 | 2,468 |
| 1947-48 .. | 1,029 | 66 | 17,105 | 2,506 |
| 1948-49 .. | 288 | 51 | 16,712 | 3,444 |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,037 | 151 | 15,120 | 3,745 |
| 1950-51 .. | 1,145 | 32 | 14,715 | 1,733 |
| 1951-52 .. | 3,058 | 1,133 | 11,838 | 1,578 |
| 1952-53 .. | 39,245 | 5,939 | 11,046 | 2,059 |
| 1953-54 .. | 9,590 | 1,203 | 12,843 | 2,035 |
| 1954-55 .. | 2,398 | 319 | 13,095 | 2,003 |
| 1955-56 .. | 4,143 | 1,412 | 12,310 | 1,674 |
| 1st July, 1956, to 24th December, 1956 .. | 11,906 | 3,419 | 6,094 | 1,595 |

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

B.—REPATRIATION BENEFITS.

| Period. | War Pensions. | | | | Service Pensions.(a) | |
|-------------------|--|--|---|---------|-----------------------|---|
| | Incapacitated Members of Forces. | Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces. | Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces. | Total. | Members of Forces. | Dependants of Members of Forces. |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| At 30th June— | | | | | | |
| 1921.. | 26,053 | 15,410 | 33,338 | 74,801 | .. | .. |
| 1931.. | 25,066 | 10,994 | 60,142 | 96,202 | .. | .. |
| 1939.. | 25,569 | 8,412 | 48,264 | 82,245 | 1,876 | 1,330 |
| 1948.. | 41,931 | 13,285 | 51,648 | 106,864 | 2,793 | 1,192 |
| 1949.. | 44,025 | 13,486 | 55,737 | 113,248 | 2,736 | 1,154 |
| 1950.. | 46,553 | 13,743 | 61,297 | 121,593 | 2,784 | 1,099 |
| 1951.. | 49,120 | 13,744 | 69,055 | 131,919 | 2,696 | 1,071 |
| 1952.. | 51,098 | 13,758 | 75,518 | 140,374 | 2,661 | 1,125 |
| 1953.. | 52,785 | 13,817 | 81,464 | 148,066 | 3,029 | 1,244 |
| 1954.. | 54,213 | 13,941 | 86,456 | 154,610 | 3,308 | 1,318 |
| 1955.. | 56,011 | 13,998 | 92,344 | 162,353 | 3,614 | 1,351 |
| 1956.. | 57,452 | 13,974 | 97,402 | 168,828 | 5,279 | 2,909 |
| At 31st December, | | | | | | |
| 1956 | 57,774 | 14,024 | 98,962 | 170,760 | 5,709 | 3,096 |

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars relate to war pensions in respect of 1914-1918 War 1939-1945 War, and the Korean and Malayan operations, and to service pensions in respect of the South African War, 1914-1918 War, and 1939-1945 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING : VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

| Period. | Oversea. | | | | Interstate.(a) | | Total. | |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| | Direct. | | Via Other States. | | | | | |
| | Vessels. | Net Tonnage. | Vessels. | Net Tonnage. | Vessels. | Net Tonnage. | Vessels. | Net Tonnage. |
| Entered. | | | | | | | | |
| 1938-39 Year .. | 188 | '000 686 | 548 | '000 3,100 | 2,243 | '000 4,751 | 2,979 | '000 8,537 |
| 1952-53 .. | 314 | 1,370 | 585 | 3,322 | 1,549 | 3,934 | 2,448 | 8,626 |
| 1953-54 .. | 331 | 1,495 | 629 | 3,488 | 1,586 | 4,030 | 2,546 | 9,013 |
| 1954-55 .. | 452 | 2,103 | 711 | 3,790 | 1,553 | 4,059 | 2,718 | 9,952 |
| 1955-56 .. | 457 | 2,373 | 686 | 3,688 | 1,614 | 4,476 | 2,757 | 10,537 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | |
| September Quarter .. | 122 | 607 | 169 | 870 | 461 | 1,167 | 752 | 2,644 |
| December Quarter .. | 122 | 624 | 166 | 893 | 456 | 1,305 | 744 | 2,822 |
| March Quarter .. | 111 | 609 | 172 | 966 | 314 | 952 | 597 | 2,527 |
| June Quarter .. | 102 | 533 | 179 | 959 | 383 | 1,052 | 664 | 2,544 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| September Quarter .. | 106 | 538 | 161 | 810 | 392 | 998 | 659 | 2,346 |
| December Quarter .. | 139 | 707 | 152 | 802 | 418 | 1,168 | 709 | 2,677 |
| Cleared. | | | | | | | | |
| 1938-39 Year .. | 195 | '000 757 | 495 | '000 2,886 | 2,299 | '000 4,837 | 2,989 | '000 8,480 |
| 1952-53 .. | 347 | 1,515 | 441 | 2,553 | 1,649 | 4,521 | 2,437 | 8,589 |
| 1953-54 .. | 343 | 1,534 | 458 | 2,648 | 1,740 | 4,828 | 2,541 | 9,010 |
| 1954-55 .. | 393 | 1,826 | 473 | 2,632 | 1,853 | 5,491 | 2,719 | 9,949 |
| 1955-56 .. | 429 | 2,190 | 484 | 2,691 | 1,842 | 5,592 | 2,755 | 10,473 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | |
| September Quarter .. | 98 | 465 | 123 | 628 | 532 | 1,577 | 753 | 2,670 |
| December Quarter .. | 106 | 514 | 128 | 707 | 509 | 1,563 | 743 | 2,784 |
| March Quarter .. | 100 | 548 | 104 | 633 | 390 | 1,311 | 594 | 2,492 |
| June Quarter .. | 125 | 663 | 129 | 723 | 411 | 1,141 | 665 | 2,527 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| September Quarter .. | 94 | 478 | 117 | 553 | 438 | 1,252 | 649 | 2,283 |
| December Quarter .. | 133 | 676 | 110 | 616 | 452 | 1,316 | 695 | 2,608 |

(a) Includes overseas vessels on interstate voyages.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Compiled from information collected by the Department of Trade and Customs.)

| Period. | Merchandise. | Bullion and Specie. | Total. |
|---|--------------|------------------------|---------|
| IMPORTS. | | | |
| Year ended 30th June— | £A'000 | £A'000 | £A'000 |
| 1939 | 43,857 | 551 | 44,408 |
| 1953 | 173,201 | 574 | 173,775 |
| 1954 | 237,281 | 399 | 237,680 |
| 1955 | 297,348 | 146 | 297,494 |
| 1956 | 299,296 | 53 | 299,349 |
| Six months ended 31st December, 1956 (a) | 124,663 | 18 | 124,681 |
| EXPORTS. | | | |
| Year ended 30th June— | £A'000 | £A'000 | £A'000 |
| 1939 | 28,388 | 2,431 | 30,819 |
| 1953 | 228,004 | 114 | 228,118 |
| 1954 | 203,528 | 53 | 203,581 |
| 1955 | 216,508 | 64 | 216,572 |
| 1956 | 209,519 | 36 | 209,555 |
| Six months ended 31st December, 1956 (a) | 108,572 | 2,985 | 111,557 |

(a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF IMPORTS FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS
(SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(Values are in Australian currency f.o.b. at port of shipment.)

| Classification. | Quarter Ended | | Six Months Ended 31st December— | |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| | 30th September, 1956. | 31st December, 1956. | 1955. | 1956. (a) |
| | | | £A'000 | £A'000 |
| CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS .. | | 448 | 540 | 1,161 988 |
| CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN : NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC. | | 2,303 | 1,970 | 3,244 4,273 |
| CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS | | 82 | 87 | 232 169 |
| CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF | | 522 | 2,169 | 4,459 2,691 |
| CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS | | 19 | 28 | 69 47 |
| CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS | | 553 | 462 | 973 1,015 |
| CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES | | 1,368 | 1,666 | 3,008 3,034 |
| CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL .. | | 10,297 | 8,114 | 23,774 18,411 |
| CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES .. | | 6,956 | 8,507 | 17,153 15,463 |
| CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES | | 649 | 578 | 1,233 1,227 |
| CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. .. | | 492 | 422 | 1,362 914 |
| CLASS XII.(a) — METALS AND MANU- FACTURES | 14,814 | 12,663 | 33,881 | 27,477 |
| CLASS XII.(b) — DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, ETC. | 2,695 | 2,702 | 3,719 | 5,397 |
| CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL) .. | 8,774 | 7,248 | 18,667 | 16,022 |
| CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF | 1,793 | 1,547 | 5,255 | 3,340 |
| CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER .. | 1,384 | 1,100 | 2,149 | 2,484 |
| CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE | 1,075 | 911 | 2,437 | 1,986 |
| CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD .. | 2,938 | 2,029 | 5,685 | 4,967 |
| CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY | 990 | 960 | 2,179 | 1,950 |
| CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES | 787 | 603 | 2,090 | 1,390 |
| CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS | 653 | 724 | 1,455 | 1,377 |
| CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS | 2,416 | 2,025 | 4,483 | 4,441 |
| CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS | 2,702 | 2,898 | 11,530 | 5,600 |
| CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE | 7 | 11 | 30 | 18 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 64,717 | 59,964 | 150,228 | 124,681 |

(a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

| Classification. | Quarter Ended | | Six Months Ended 31st December— | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| | 30th September, 1956. | 31st December, 1956. | 1955. | 1956.(a) |
| | | | £A'000 | £A'000 |
| CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS— | | | | |
| Meats— | | | | |
| Preserved by Cold Process— | | | | |
| Beef | 168 | 177 | 169 | 345 |
| Lamb | 126 | 908 | 3,406 | 1,034 |
| Mutton | 208 | 133 | 685 | 341 |
| Pork | 12 | 14 | 39 | 26 |
| Poultry | 15 | 13 | 43 | 28 |
| Rabbits and Hares | 596 | 422 | 568 | 1,018 |
| Other | 137 | 137 | 505 | 274 |
| Preserved in Tins | 1,009 | 815 | 3,107 | 1,824 |
| Sausage Casings | 214 | 376 | 747 | 590 |
| Other | 77 | 78 | 128 | 155 |
| Butter | 3,879 | 7,259 | 10,401 | 11,138 |
| Cheese | 385 | 1,042 | 988 | 1,427 |
| Eggs | 109 | 314 | 650 | 423 |
| Milk and Cream | 1,128 | 2,443 | 3,083 | 3,571 |
| Other Animal Foodstuffs | 205 | 228 | 281 | 433 |
| Total, Class I... | 8,268 | 14,359 | 24,800 | 22,627 |
| CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.— | | | | |
| Grains and Cereals— | | | | |
| Unprepared— | | | | |
| Wheat | 2,983 | 3,280 | 5,267 | 6,263 |
| Oats | 131 | 283 | 518 | 414 |
| Barley | 824 | 76 | 164 | 900 |
| Other | 4 | .. | 12 | 4 |
| Prepared— | | | | |
| Rice | 45 | 37 | 279 | 82 |
| Flour (Wheaten) | 1,629 | 1,960 | 3,359 | 3,589 |
| Malt | 157 | 142 | 233 | 299 |
| Other | 69 | 122 | 234 | 191 |
| Fruits— | | | | |
| Fresh | 313 | 366 | 583 | 679 |
| Dried | 884 | 433 | 3,382 | 1,317 |
| Preserved in liquid | 1,592 | 395 | 3,640 | 1,987 |
| Other Vegetable Foodstuffs | 556 | 515 | 691 | 1,071 |
| Total, Class II. | 9,187 | 7,609 | 18,362 | 16,796 |
| CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCHOLIC LIQUORS | 196 | 156 | 265 | 352 |
| CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF | 44 | 48 | 186 | 92 |
| CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. . . . | 25 | 14 | 21 | 39 |

(a) Subject to revision,

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

| Classification. | Quarter Ended | | Six Months Ended 31st December— | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| | 30th September, 1956. | 31st December, 1956. | 1955. | 1956. (a) |
| | | | £A'000 | £A'000 |
| CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS— | | | | |
| Hides and Skins— | | | | |
| Rabbit and Hare .. . | 315 | 260 | 950 | 575 |
| Calf, Cattle, and Horse .. . | 168 | 191 | 403 | 359 |
| Sheep (with wool and without wool) .. . | 1,381 | 1,818 | 3,584 | 3,199 |
| Other .. . | 12 | 43 | 11 | 55 |
| Wool— | | | | |
| Greasy .. . | 7,962 | 33,845 | 34,893 | 41,807 |
| Scoured, Tops, and Waste .. . | 3,752 | 3,675 | 6,607 | 7,427 |
| Other Animal Substances .. . | 52 | 50 | 42 | 102 |
| Total, Class VI. .. . | 13,642 | 39,882 | 46,490 | 53,524 |
| CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES .. . | 76 | 25 | 121 | 101 |
| CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL .. | 276 | 291 | 447 | 567 |
| CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES .. | 744 | 1,258 | 1,741 | 2,002 |
| CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES | 61 | 47 | 95 | 108 |
| CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, &c. .. | 708 | 808 | 1,692 | 1,516 |
| CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY .. . | 2,954 | 3,023 | 3,619 | 5,977 |
| CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF .. . | 348 | 386 | 760 | 734 |
| CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER .. | 61 | 46 | 104 | 107 |
| CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE .. . | 61 | 28 | 75 | 89 |
| CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY .. | 193 | 194 | 349 | 387 |
| CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES .. . | 64 | 43 | 125 | 107 |
| CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS .. . | 160 | 142 | 256 | 302 |
| CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS .. . | 383 | 733 | 1,183 | 1,116 |
| CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS .. . | 1,017 | 1,012 | 2,266 | 2,029 |
| CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER: BRONZE SPECIE .. . | 2,976 | 9 | 15 | 2,985 |
| Australian Produce .. . | 40,836 | 69,448 | 102,157 | 110,284 |
| Other Produce .. . | 608 | 665 | 815 | 1,273 |
| GRAND TOTAL .. . | 41,444 | 70,113 | 102,972 | 111,557 |

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—OVERSEAS TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

| Imports from— | Year Ended 30th June— | | | Six Months Ended 31st December, 1956 (a) |
|--|-----------------------|---------|---------|--|
| | 1954. | 1955. | 1956. | |
| | £A'000 | £A'000 | £A'000 | £A'000 |
| United Kingdom | 113,159 | 133,950 | 129,187 | 51,244 |
| Australian Territories | 1,229 | 1,193 | 1,837 | 1,024 |
| Borneo (British) | 2,219 | 8,872 | 3,901 | 2,593 |
| Canada | 5,074 | 5,662 | 8,230 | 3,571 |
| Ceylon | 4,444 | 7,171 | 2,776 | 1,699 |
| East Africa (British) | 1,271 | 1,776 | 1,491 | 649 |
| Hong Kong | 384 | 666 | 735 | 393 |
| India, Republic of | 4,817 | 6,150 | 6,123 | 3,343 |
| Malaya, Federation of | 3,333 | 4,569 | 6,485 | 2,143 |
| New Zealand | 2,401 | 2,468 | 2,724 | 2,114 |
| Pakistan | 1,687 | 1,042 | 877 | 364 |
| Rhodesia | 1,352 | 1,978 | 1,604 | 971 |
| Singapore | 3,041 | 1,274 | 436 | 43 |
| South Africa, Union of | 917 | 1,690 | 1,260 | 509 |
| Other British Possessions | 1,468 | 1,954 | 1,351 | 759 |
| Arabia— | | | | |
| Bahrein Islands | 5,494 | 4,195 | 2,811 | 296 |
| Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Muscat and Oman, &c. | 3,849 | 6,369 | 9,455 | 4,942 |
| Austria | 771 | 1,472 | 1,607 | 634 |
| Belgium | 2,432 | 3,389 | 3,229 | 1,351 |
| Brazil | 397 | 854 | 397 | 222 |
| China | 576 | 422 | 621 | 302 |
| Czechoslovakia | 747 | 821 | 1,092 | 431 |
| Finland | 810 | 1,602 | 1,353 | 661 |
| France | 5,766 | 4,815 | 5,421 | 1,659 |
| Germany | 9,607 | 13,304 | 14,807 | 7,186 |
| Indonesia, Republic of | 6,500 | 5,185 | 6,432 | 2,430 |
| Iran (Persia) | 11 | 454 | 6,565 | 3,261 |
| Italy | 4,322 | 5,123 | 4,803 | 1,878 |
| Japan | 2,634 | 6,559 | 8,131 | 2,212 |
| Netherlands | 3,841 | 5,902 | 4,733 | 1,699 |
| Netherlands Antilles | 69 | 362 | 948 | 19 |
| Norway | 1,181 | 1,532 | 1,665 | 626 |
| Sweden | 3,557 | 4,614 | 3,704 | 1,870 |
| Switzerland | 3,356 | 3,767 | 4,092 | 1,639 |
| Union of Soviet Socialist Republics | 337 | 418 | 347 | 134 |
| United States of America | 27,565 | 25,744 | 36,592 | 17,055 |
| Venezuela | 423 | 403 | 746 | 383 |
| Other Foreign Countries | 2,452 | 4,174 | 5,580 | 2,262 |
| Country not stated | 83 | 46 | 43 | 120 |
| Total (excluding Outside Packages) .. | 233,026 | 291,941 | 293,001 | 124,681 |

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

| Exports to— | Year Ended 30th June— | | | Six Months Ended 31st December, 1956 (a) |
|---|-----------------------|---------|---------|---|
| | 1954. | 1955. | 1956. | |
| | £A'000 | £A'000 | £A'000 | £A'000 |
| United Kingdom | 68,437 | 84,471 | 74,525 | 32,373 |
| Australian Territories | 1,119 | 1,803 | 1,991 | 1,076 |
| Borneo (British) | 369 | 559 | 619 | 261 |
| Canada | 3,038 | 3,325 | 3,564 | 1,483 |
| Ceylon | 4,792 | 3,018 | 2,809 | 1,519 |
| Hong Kong | 1,569 | 1,417 | 1,543 | 871 |
| India, Republic of | 2,832 | 5,998 | 4,687 | 4,754 |
| Ireland, Republic of | 866 | 1,059 | 317 | 214 |
| Malaya, Federation of | 3,795 | 3,657 | 3,205 | 2,158 |
| Mauritius and Dependencies | 835 | 615 | 310 | 875 |
| New Zealand | 8,822 | 10,053 | 10,598 | 6,471 |
| Pakistan | 828 | 822 | 731 | 623 |
| Rhodesia, Northern and Southern | 428 | 398 | 404 | 249 |
| Singapore | 3,103 | 3,441 | 4,528 | 2,444 |
| South Africa, Union of | 1,406 | 1,235 | 918 | 644 |
| Other British Countries | 2,746 | 3,342 | 3,250 | 1,805 |
| Arabia | 653 | 733 | 638 | 406 |
| Belgium | 5,067 | 6,049 | 4,563 | 2,628 |
| Czechoslovakia | 696 | 1,697 | 1,544 | 395 |
| Egypt | 1,007 | 446 | 691 | 138 |
| France | 21,380 | 21,182 | 21,654 | 10,789 |
| Germany | 6,420 | 9,855 | 7,447 | 5,127 |
| Indonesia, Republic of | 2,026 | 1,335 | 2,351 | 1,175 |
| Italy | 13,832 | 11,377 | 11,237 | 6,871 |
| Japan | 11,381 | 12,404 | 19,665 | 11,603 |
| Mexico | 1,156 | 1,780 | 1,547 | 575 |
| Netherlands | 1,745 | 2,124 | 1,164 | 795 |
| Poland | 842 | 1,386 | 1,680 | 929 |
| Sweden | 1,510 | 914 | 999 | 193 |
| Switzerland | 898 | 750 | 847 | 403 |
| Union of Soviet Socialist Republics | 10,497 | 153 | .. | 16 |
| United States of America | 12,947 | 12,244 | 11,399 | 7,560 |
| Other Foreign Countries | 6,589 | 6,921 | 8,130 | 4,634 |
| Total | 203,581 | 216,572 | 209,555 | 111,557 |

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Australian Currency Values.)

| Commodity. | Year Ended 30th June— | | | Six Months Ended 31st December, 1956 (a) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| | 1954. | 1955. | 1956. | |
| | | | | |
| Wool— | | | | |
| Greasy | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 236,716 87,936 | 251,970 84,101 | 278,120 78,239 |
| Scoured and Washed | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 28,936 12,673 | 27,867 11,367 | 26,828 9,871 |
| Tops, Noils, and Waste | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 6,279 2,507 | 6,361 2,207 | 10,799 4,175 |
| Butter | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 38,484 6,986 | 80,297 13,642 | 107,542 16,870 |
| Wheat | .. { tons £'000 | 191,822 5,919 | 564,253 15,201 | 412,091 9,907 |
| Flour (wheaten) | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 516,514 10,040 | 441,726 6,873 | 448,123 6,573 |
| Fruits— | | | | |
| Dried | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 104,210 4,857 | 113,395 5,764 | 102,384 5,572 |
| Fresh— | | | | |
| Oranges | .. { bushels £'000 | 315,758 471 | 334,754 503 | 458,819 683 |
| Apples | .. { bushels £'000 | 118,724 161 | 112,966 155 | 89,338 123 |
| Pears | .. { bushels £'000 | 911,877 1,643 | 1,083,588 1,743 | 585,769 921 |
| Other Fresh Fruits | .. { £'000 | 80 | 68 | 41 |
| Preserved in Liquid | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 111,595 7,515 | 141,215 9,801 | 112,272 8,681 |
| Meats— | | | | |
| Beef (chilled or frozen) | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 8,696 641 | 10,359 913 | 4,396 483 |
| Lamb (frozen) | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 22,774 1,782 | 58,397 6,280 | 50,468 4,756 |
| Mutton (frozen) | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 24,488 836 | 22,337 1,065 | 21,434 1,293 |
| Pork (frozen) | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 278 54 | 855 113 | 433 66 |
| Poultry (frozen) | .. { £'000 | 140 | 101 | 49 |
| Rabbits and Hares (frozen) .. . | £'000 | 1,105 | 1,008 | 1,372 |
| Preserved in Tins | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 54,057 7,821 | 52,131 7,002 | 46,751 5,643 |
| Sausage Casings | .. { £'000 | 958 | 1,408 | 1,548 |
| All Other Meats | .. { £'000 | 748 | 1,204 | 1,073 |
| Milk and Cream | .. { £'000 | 6,670 | 5,601 | 5,920 |
| Hides and Skins— | | | | |
| Sheep (with wool) | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 35,054 6,158 | 39,304 6,411 | 41,480 6,327 |
| Rabbit and Hare | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 2,538 475 | 2,672 597 | 2,343 1,170 |
| Other Skins | .. { £'000 | 1,002 | 843 | 1,134 |
| Tallow (inedible) | .. { cwt. £'000 | 192,477 675 | 143,088 620 | 354,432 1,443 |
| Eggs in shell | .. { '000 doz. £'000 | 2,024 447 | 3,368 493 | 2,544 382 |
| Eggs not in shell | .. { £'000 | 1,064 | 478 | 343 |
| Cheese | .. { '000 lb. £'000 | 37,865 4,093 | 31,579 3,361 | 17,995 1,955 |

(a) Subject to revision.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS).

| Particulars. | Year Ended 30th June— | | | | Three Months ended 30th September, 1956 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
| | 1939. | 1954. | 1955. | 1956. | |
| Average Mileage operated | 4,754 | 4,574 | 4,458 | 4,449 | (a) |
| Traffic Train Mileage— | | | | | |
| Passenger—Suburban .. '000 | 7,671 | 8,193 | 8,235 | 8,298 | 2,079 |
| Country '000 | 4,764 | 4,616 | 4,615 | 4,677 | 1,139 |
| Goods '000 | 5,455 | 5,494 | 5,890 | 5,660 | 1,324 |
| Total '000 | 17,890 | 18,303 | 18,740 | 18,635 | 4,542 |
| Passenger Journeys—Suburban .. '000 | 135,546 | 157,658 | 160,651 | 160,282 | 41,027 |
| Country '000 | 6,578 | 8,447 | 8,553 | 6,427 | 1,186 |
| Total '000 | 142,124 | 166,105 | 169,204 | 166,709 | 42,213 |
| Goods Carried .. tons '000 | 5,250 | 8,622 | 9,508 | 9,127 | 2,232 |
| Live Stock Carried .. tons '000 | 726 | 579 | 575 | 480 | 90 |
| Gross Ton Mileage .. '000 | 4,734,904 | 6,088,695 | 6,429,202 | 6,262,338 | 1,515,051 |
| Contents Ton Mileage— | | | | | |
| Goods (incl. Live Stock) .. '000 | 760,485 | 1,269,772 | 1,426,415 | 1,324,877 | 307,821 |
| Average Haul per Ton— | | | | | |
| Goods (inc. Live Stock) .. miles | 127.26 | 138.01 | 141.47 | 137.91 | 132.05 |

(a) Not yet available.

| Particulars. | Traffic Train Mileage During Three Months Ended 30th September, 1956 | | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Steam. | Electric Motor. | Rail Motor. | Electric Locomotive. | Diesel Electric Locomotive. | Total. |
| Passenger Trains— | | | | | | |
| Suburban .. miles '000 | 5 | 2,060 | 14 | .. | .. | 2,079 |
| Country .. miles '000 | 163 | .. | 439 | .. | 435 | 1,139 |
| Goods Trains .. miles '000 | 677 | .. | .. | 193 | 454 | 1,324 |
| Total Traffic Train Mileage .. miles '000 | 845 | 2,060 | 453 | 265 | 919 | 4,542 |

| Particulars. | Year Ended 30th June— | | | | Three Months ended 30th September 1956 |
|---|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| | 1939. | 1954. | 1955. | 1956. | |
| Gross Revenue— | | | | | |
| Ordinary £'000 | 9,284 | 35,706 | 37,697 | 37,042 | 9,025 |
| Recoup by State Treasury towards Interest, &c. £'000 | .. | 1,931 | 2,144 | .. | (c) |
| Total Revenue £'000 | 9,284 | 37,637 | 39,841 | 37,042 | (c) |
| Working Expenses (a) £'000 | 8,060 | 35,950 | 37,032 | 38,026 | 9,743 |
| Net Earnings (b) £'000 | 1,224 | 1,687 | 2,809 | -984 | (c) |
| Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt Sinking Fund, &c. £'000 | 2,168 | 2,591 | 2,848 | 3,180 | (c) |
| Net Result for Year £'000 | -944 | -904 | -39 | -4,164 | (c) |

(a) Including cost of pensions and Pay-roll Tax.

(b) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(c) Not yet available.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

| Particulars. | Year Ended 30th June— | | | | Six Months ended December, 1956 |
|--|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------------|
| | 1939. | 1954. | 1955. | 1956. | |
| Tramway Track Open— | | | | | |
| Double miles | (a) 127.3 | 129.6 | 129.6 | 138.4 | 138.4 |
| Single miles | 5.9 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Motor Omnibus Route .. miles | 48.6 | 64.1 | 64.1 | 62.5 | 62.5 |
| Vehicle Mileage— | | | | | |
| Tramways .. '000 | 22,981 | 22,000 | 21,046 | 22,253 | 10,864 |
| Motor Omnibuses .. '000 | 2,165 | 7,892 | 7,241 | 5,859 | 2,883 |
| Passenger Journeys— | | | | | |
| Tramways .. '000 | 182,094 | 204,747 | 202,437 | 207,914 | 100,540 |
| Motor Omnibuses .. '000 | 11,911 | 59,111 | 56,511 | 37,209 | 16,970 |
| Revenue— | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Traffic Receipts | 2,305 | 6,598 | 6,443 | 7,155 | 3,730 |
| Other | 15 | 82 | 92 | 88 | 69 |
| Total Revenue | 2,320 | 6,680 | 6,535 | 7,243 | 3,799 |
| Operating Expenses, Fixed Charges and Appropriations | 2,318 | 6,929 | 6,968 | 7,956 | 4,269 |
| Surplus on Operation | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Deficit on Operation | .. | 249 | 433 | 713 | 470 |

(a) Including 7.94 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

| Period. | Motor Vehicles— | | | | Motor Cycles. |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|
| | Private. | Commercial and Hire. | Primary Producers' (a). | Total. | |
| NEW REGISTRATIONS. | | | | | |
| 1938-39 Year | 15,249 | 3,953 | 2,494 | 21,696 | 2,140 |
| 1952-53 | 28,556 | 7,272 | 4,343 | 40,171 | 2,523 |
| 1953-54 | 36,258 | 7,957 | 3,801 | 48,016 | 2,482 |
| 1954-55 | 51,894 | 10,038 | 4,505 | 66,437 | 2,344 |
| 1955-56 | 52,860 | 11,898 | 4,567 | 69,325 | 2,356 |
| 6 Months ended 31st December, 1956 | 23,943 | 5,263 | 1,872 | 31,078 | 986 |
| RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES. | | | | | |
| 1938-39 Year | 13,718 | 3,459 | 3,277 | 20,454 | 4,787 |
| 1952-53 | 15,966 | 4,392 | 2,598 | 22,956 | 6,259 |
| 1953-54 | 14,356 | 3,914 | 2,358 | 20,628 | 5,195 |
| 1954-55 | 19,907 | 5,030 | 3,630 | 28,567 | 5,342 |
| 1955-56 | 19,628 | 4,594 | 3,375 | 27,597 | 5,342 |
| 6 Months ended 31st December, 1956 | 10,440 | 2,423 | 1,680 | 14,543 | 2,393 |
| RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION. | | | | | |
| 1938-39 Year | 122,164 | 28,750 | 41,656 | 192,570 | 19,771 |
| 1952-53 | 326,348 | 75,774 | 37,020 | 439,142 | 24,655 |
| 1953-54 | 342,039 | 74,173 | 39,339 | 455,551 | 23,163 |
| 1954-55 | 378,860 | 78,514 | 43,331 | 500,705 | 21,464 |
| 1955-56 | 420,523 | 81,741 | 45,563 | 547,827 | 19,934 |
| 6 Months ended 31st December, 1956 | 234,020 | 44,430 | 25,019 | 303,478 | 9,458 |
| TOTAL REGISTRATIONS. | | | | | |
| 1938-39 Year | 151,131 | 36,162 | 47,427 | 234,720 | 26,698 |
| 1952-53 | 370,870 | 87,438 | 43,961 | 502,269 | 33,437 |
| 1953-54 | 392,653 | 86,044 | 45,498 | 524,195 | 30,840 |
| 1954-55 | 450,661 | 93,582 | 51,466 | 595,709 | 29,150 |
| 1955-56 | 493,011 | 98,233 | 53,505 | 644,749 | 27,632 |
| 6 Months ended 31st December, 1956 | 268,403 | 52,125 | 28,571 | 349,099 | 12,837 |

(a) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles included private cars and commercial vehicles, but since that date only vehicles, constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connection with their business, are included under this heading.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES AND PERMITS.

| Type of Licence or Permit. | Licences in Force at 30th June— | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| | 1939. | 1954. | 1955. | 1956. |
| Temporary Licences— | | | | |
| Commercial Passenger Vehicles .. . | 79 | 72 | 62 | 41 |
| Commercial Goods Vehicles .. . | 1,098 | 1,737 | 1,535 | 1,034 |
| Total, Temporary Licences .. . | 1,177 | 1,809 | 1,597 | 1,075 |
| Permanent "Discretionary" Licences— | | | | |
| Commercial Passenger Vehicles .. . | 976 | 5,282 | 5,270 | 5,543 |
| Commercial Goods Vehicles .. . | 1,894 | 2,748 | 2,768 | 3,015 |
| Total, "Discretionary" Licences .. . | 2,870 | 8,030 | 8,038 | 8,558 |
| Licences Issued "As of Right"— | | | | |
| To operate for hire or reward— | | | | |
| Within 25 miles of Melbourne .. . | 4,751 | 9,529 | 10,181 | 10,762 |
| Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong .. . | 439 | 1,232 | 1,317 | 1,441 |
| Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong .. . | 4,203 | 8,227 | 8,219 | 8,390 |
| Primary Producers .. . | 699 | 9,991 | 10,770 | 10,920 |
| Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories .. . | 297 | 669 | 744 | 765 |
| Ancillary Carriers .. . | 20,062 | 25,115 | 25,385 | 25,095 |
| Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles .. . | 914 | 7,193 | 7,791 | 7,007 |
| Total, "As of Right" .. . | 31,365 | 61,956 | 64,407 | 64,470 |
| Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers .. . | 558 | 170 | 138 | 118 |
| Aircraft Licences .. . | .. . | 1 | 35 | .. . |
| Grand Total Licences .. . | 35,970 | 71,966 | 74,215 | 74,221 |
| Permits to operate temporarily outside the conditions of the Licences— | | | | |
| Commercial Passenger Vehicles .. . | (a) | 7,777 | 8,602 | 7,949 |
| Commercial Goods Vehicles .. . | (a) | 86,905 | 84,668 | 83,049(b) |
| Total Permits .. . | (a) | 94,682 | 93,270 | 90,998 |

(a) Not available.

(b) Because of revised accounting methods this figure is not strictly comparable with figures for earlier years.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

| Period. | Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured. | Persons Killed. | Persons Injured. | Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured. | Persons Killed. | Persons Injured. |
|---|--|-----------------|------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------|
| | | | | City of Melbourne (a) | Outside Metropolitan Area. | |
| 1938-39 Year .. . | 1,470 | 47 | 1,593 | 1,558 | 194 | 1,973 |
| 1952-53 .. . | 1,310 | 42 | 1,525 | 4,048 | 300 | 5,460 |
| 1953-54 .. . | 1,086 | 28 | 1,248 | 4,251 | 315 | 5,858 |
| 1954-55 .. . | 1,108 | 38 | 1,282 | 3,999 | 287 | 5,516 |
| 1955-56 .. . | 1,075 | 26 | 1,225 | 4,283 | 364 | 5,951 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | |
| September Quarter .. | 333 | 17 | 360 | 748 | 50 | 1,022 |
| December Quarter .. | 278 | 8 | 319 | 992 | 67 | 1,327 |
| March Quarter .. | 213 | 6 | 250 | 1,032 | 90 | 1,461 |
| June Quarter .. | 284 | 7 | 353 | 1,227 | 80 | 1,706 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | |
| September Quarter .. | 231 | 7 | 250 | 1,029 | 94 | 1,413 |
| December Quarter .. | 247 | 5 | 285 | 1,010 | 81 | 1,473 |
| March Quarter .. | 319 | 9 | 363 | 1,167 | 89 | 1,556 |
| June Quarter .. | 278 | 5 | 327 | 1,077 | 100 | 1,509 |
| <i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i> | | | | <i>Total—Victoria.</i> | | |
| 1938-39 Year .. . | 3,508 | 177 | 3,862 | 6,536 | 418 | 7,428 |
| 1952-53 .. . | 4,740 | 173 | 5,579 | 10,098 | 515 | 12,564 |
| 1953-54 .. . | 4,785 | 148 | 5,701 | 10,122 | 491 | 12,807 |
| 1954-55 .. . | 5,110 | 203 | 6,035 | 10,217 | 528 | 12,833 |
| 1955-56 .. . | 5,248 | 192 | 6,307 | 10,606 | 582 | 13,483 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | |
| September Quarter .. | 1,350 | 54 | 1,574 | 2,431 | 121 | 2,956 |
| December Quarter .. | 1,235 | 48 | 1,485 | 2,505 | 123 | 3,131 |
| March Quarter .. | 1,093 | 29 | 1,331 | 2,388 | 125 | 3,042 |
| June Quarter .. | 1,432 | 72 | 1,645 | 2,943 | 159 | 3,704 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | |
| September Quarter .. | 1,288 | 51 | 1,553 | 2,548 | 152 | 3,216 |
| December Quarter .. | 1,325 | 26 | 1,650 | 2,582 | 112 | 3,408 |
| March Quarter .. | 1,211 | 35 | 1,465 | 2,697 | 183 | 3,384 |
| June Quarter .. | 1,424 | .. . | 1,639 | 2,779 | 185 | 3,475 |

(a) Municipality of the City of Melbourne.

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

| Heads of Revenue. | Year Ended 30th June— | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1939. | 1953. | 1954. | 1955. | 1956. |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Taxation (a) | 10,085 | 14,364 | 17,206 | 20,861 | 22,904 |
| Railways | 9,349 | 31,520 | 35,698 | 37,522 | 37,147 |
| Other Business and Industrial Undertakings | 2,300 | 5,179 | 5,393 | 6,343 | 6,860 |
| Land | 387 | 2,663 | 2,683 | 2,259 | 2,322 |
| Interest n.e.i. | 1,881 | 2,641 | 3,054 | 3,664 | 4,138 |
| Commonwealth Payments— | | | | | |
| Under Financial Agreement | 2,127 | 2,127 | 2,127 | 2,127 | 2,127 |
| " States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act | .. | 26,028 | 29,352 | 32,397 | 36,044 |
| " States Grants (Administration of Controls) Act | .. | 262 | .. | .. | .. |
| " States Grants (Special Assistance) Act | .. | 7,131 | 5,622 | 4,959 | 3,399 |
| All other Revenue | 857 | 4,934 | 5,470 | 6,484 | 8,058 |
| Total Revenue | 26,986 | 96,849 | 106,605 | 116,616 | 122,999 |
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Total Revenue per Head of Population | 14 8 3 | 40 16 5 | 44 0 0 | 46 17 4 | 47 19 2 |

(a) For details see page 26.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

| Heads of Expenditure. | Year Ended 30th June— | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1939. | 1953. | 1954. | 1955. | 1956. |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Public Debt Charges— | | | | | |
| Interest on Funded Debt | 6,640 | 9,067 | 10,760 | 12,972 | 15,125 |
| Exchange on Interest Payments | 669 | 575 | 559 | 533 | 492 |
| Sinking Fund Contributions | 859 | 2,587 | 2,928 | 3,187 | 3,475 |
| Other | 62 | 69 | 80 | 90 | 68 |
| Railways | 7,694 | 32,976 | 34,465 | 35,445 | 36,046 |
| Other Business and Industrial Undertakings | 980 | 4,025 | 4,180 | 4,133 | 4,242 |
| Education | 3,123 | 15,987 | 17,391 | 19,423 | 23,275 |
| Public Health | 143 | 947 | 1,078 | 1,117 | 1,251 |
| Hospitals | 1,054 | 10,570 | 11,601 | 14,574 | 15,446 |
| Other Charities (a) | 2,302 | 2,417 | 2,867 | 3,559 | 3,973 |
| Law, Order, and Public Safety | 1,285 | 5,736 | 6,005 | 6,377 | 7,262 |
| All other Expenditure | 2,962 | 12,258 | 13,980 | 13,869 | 15,589 |
| Total Expenditure | 27,773 | 97,214 | 105,894 | 115,279 | 126,244 |
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Total Expenditure per Head of Population | 14 16 8 | 40 19 6 | 43 14 1 | 46 6 7 | 49 4 5 |

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

| Tax. | Year Ended 30th June— | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| | 1939. | 1953. | 1954. | 1955. | 1956. |
| State Taxation Collections— | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income Taxes (a) .. . | 6,251 | 57 | 27 | 22 | 25 |
| Land Tax | 482 | 1,370 | 2,016 | 2,625 | 3,250 |
| Probate Duty | 1,374 | 4,833 | 5,387 | 6,305 | 7,102 |
| Stamp Duties, n.e.i. .. . | 960 | 3,206 | 3,685 | 4,171 | 4,380 |
| Motor Taxation | 1,914 | 5,455 | 5,883 | 6,330 | 6,778 |
| Racing Taxation | 391(b) | 2,254 | 2,451 | 2,100 | 2,066 |
| Entertainments Tax (excluding Racing) | 286 | .. | 656 | 996 | 1,054 |
| Liquor Licences | 255 | 1,761 | 1,963 | 2,108 | 2,310 |
| Lotteries (Tattersall Duty) | .. | .. | .. | 2,598 | 2,793 |
| All other Taxes | 110 | 221 | 232 | 242 | 245 |
| Paid to Consolidated Revenue .. | 10,085 | 14,364 | 17,206 | 20,861 | 22,904 |
| Paid to Special Funds .. | 1,938 | 4,793 | 5,094 | 6,636 | 7,099 |
| Total State Collections .. | 12,023 | 19,157 | 22,300 | 27,497 | 30,003 |
| Tax Reimbursement by Commonwealth | .. | 26,028 | 29,352 | 32,397 | 36,044 |
| Grand Total .. | 12,023 | 45,185 | 51,652 | 59,894 | 66,047 |
| Per head of Population— | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| State Collections | 6 8 5 | 8 1 6 | 9 4 1 | 11 1 0 | 11 13 11 |
| Commonwealth Reimbursement | .. | 10 19 5 | 12 2 3 | 13 0 5 | 14 1 1 |
| Total | 6 8 5 | 19 0 11 | 21 6 4 | 24 1 5 | 25 15 0 |

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax. (b) Including Entertainments Tax on horse and dog racing.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

| Heads of Expenditure. | During Year Ended 30th June— | | | Total to 30th June, 1956. |
|--|------------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------------|
| | 1954. | 1955. | 1956. | |
| Public Works— | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Railways— | | | | |
| As reduced.. .. | 8,839 | 8,183 | 7,867 | 105,512 |
| Transferred | .. | .. | .. | 29,135 |
| Roads and Bridges | 1,537 | 1,126 | 1,106 | 20,413 |
| Water Supply and Sewerage | 8,572 | 9,565 | 7,780 | 93,324 |
| Electricity Supply | 6,000 | 2,000 | 1,000 | 44,089 |
| Public Buildings | | | | |
| Schools | 4,845 | 5,374 | 6,885 | 37,470 |
| Hospitals | 5,390 | 4,790 | 5,124 | 23,221 |
| Other | 753 | 1,070 | 1,215 | 7,800 |
| Housing | 41 | 147 | 105 | 10,065 |
| Unemployment Relief | .. | .. | .. | 13,147 |
| Other Public Works | 691 | 573 | 817 | 10,096 |
| Primary Production— | | | | |
| Land Settlement (a) | 4,923 | 4,999 | 3,900 | 88,623 |
| Advances to Settlers (b) | .. | .. | .. | 9,765 |
| Wire Netting Advances | 2 | .. | .. | 1,042 |
| Bulk Handling of Wheat | 250 | .. | .. | 1,404 |
| Forestry | 900 | 899 | 800 | 14,781 |
| Mining (Including State Coal Mine) | 5 | 7 | 12 | 864 |
| Other Primary Production | 75 | 69 | 69 | 1,906 |
| Cost (Overseas Purchase) | .. | .. | .. | 1,900 |
| Gas and Fuel Corporation | 1,995 | 1,195 | 1,170 | 11,759 |
| Rural Finance Corporation | 700 | 800 | 920 | 5,739 |
| Other Purposes | 146 | 155 | 360 | 1,908 |
| Total Public Works, &c. .. | 45,664 | 40,952 | 39,130 | 539,083 |
| In Aid of Revenue | .. | .. | .. | 16,455 |
| Grand Total | 45,664 | 40,952 | 39,130 | 548,538 |

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT

| At 30th June— | Repayable in— | | | Total. | Total Public Debt per Head of Population. |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------|---------|---|
| | London. | New York. | Australia. | | |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £ s. d. |
| 1914 | 39,275 | .. | 26,856 | 66,131 | 46 10 1 |
| 1919 | 43,400 | .. | 39,994 | 83,394 | 56 11 8 |
| 1929 | 63,398 | 4,658 | 91,497 | 159,553 | 90 5 4 |
| 1939 | 62,498 | 4,499 | 112,701 | 179,698 | 95 13 3 |
| 1954 | 44,908 | 3,600 | 328,456 | 376,964 | 153 14 4 |
| 1955 | 44,777 | 3,176 | 363,246 | 411,199 | 162 19 7 |
| 1956 | 44,705 | 3,430 | 397,578 | 445,713 | 171 1 10 |

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

| Period. | Deposits— | | | Advances. | Ratio of Advances to Total Deposits. |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | % |
| Year 1951-52 | 94,332 | 329,236 | 423,568 | 228,984 | 54·06 |
| ,, 1952-53 | 83,297 | 321,396 | 404,693 | 224,091 | 55·37 |
| ,, 1953-54 | 90,784 | 353,742 | 444,526 | 218,046 | 49·05 |
| ,, 1954-55 | 105,717 | 367,752 | 473,469 | 249,129 | 52·62 |
| ,, 1955-56 | 104,128 | 370,587 | 474,715 | 263,064 | 55·42 |
| Quarter ended December, 1955 .. | 104,667 | 373,398 | 478,065 | 265,795 | 55·60 |
| ,, „ March, 1956 .. | 105,997 | 380,275 | 486,272 | 257,838 | 53·02 |
| ,, „ June, 1956 .. | 102,326 | 369,047 | 471,373 | 263,651 | 55·93 |
| ,, „ September, 1956 .. | 106,525 | 343,960 | 450,485 | 256,247 | 56·88 |
| ,, „ December, 1956 .. | 110,565 | 362,314 | 472,879 | 247,774 | 52·40 |
| 1955—Month of July | 106,161 | 362,645 | 468,806 | 265,743 | 56·69 |
| ,, „ August | 102,863 | 358,474 | 461,337 | 263,492 | 57·11 |
| ,, „ September | 101,843 | 358,751 | 460,594 | 266,733 | 57·91 |
| ,, „ October | 105,168 | 365,326 | 470,494 | 266,791 | 56·70 |
| ,, „ November | 104,071 | 373,904 | 477,975 | 266,974 | 55·02 |
| ,, „ December | 104,992 | 383,316 | 488,308 | 262,502 | 53·76 |
| 1956—Month of July | 107,682 | 346,285 | 453,967 | 259,827 | 57·23 |
| ,, „ August | 105,445 | 342,534 | 447,979 | 256,127 | 57·17 |
| ,, „ September | 106,717 | 343,418 | 450,135 | 252,818 | 56·16 |
| ,, „ October | 110,372 | 353,094 | 463,466 | 252,571 | 54·50 |
| ,, „ November | 109,457 | 364,813 | 474,270 | 247,535 | 52·19 |
| ,, „ December | 111,916 | 371,341 | 483,257 | 242,018 | 50·08 |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes seven Private Trading Banks; Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd.; Bank of New Zealand; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; and the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia which on 3rd December, 1953, took over the business of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Average deposits and advances at close of business on Wednesdays in periods.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

| Period. | | | | | | | Total Amount Cleared. |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | | £'000 |
| 1929 Year | | | | | | | 814,668 |
| 1939 ,,, | | | | | | | 864,631 |
| 1952 ,,, | | | | | | | 4,204,105 |
| 1953 ,,, | | | | | | | 4,275,071 |
| 1954 ,,, | | | | | | | 4,840,422 |
| 1955 ,,, | | | | | | | 5,167,301 |
| 1956 ,,, | | | | | | | 5,328,831 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1954—September Quarter | | | | | | | 1,158,432 |
| December Quarter | | | | | | | 1,267,819 |
| 1955—March Quarter | | | | | | | 1,189,412 |
| June Quarter | | | | | | | 1,369,883 |
| September Quarter | | | | | | | 1,209,314 |
| December Quarter | | | | | | | 1,398,692 |
| 1956—March Quarter | | | | | | | 1,222,199 |
| June Quarter | | | | | | | 1,473,267 |
| September Quarter | | | | | | | 1,225,359 |
| December Quarter | | | | | | | 1,408,006 |

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

| Period. | Deposits— | | | | Total Deposits per Head of Population. |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|--|
| | State Savings Bank. (a) | Commonwealth Savings Bank. | Other Savings Banks. (b) | Total. | |
| At 30th June— | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £ s. d. |
| 1929 | 66,130 | 6,577 | .. | 72,707 | 41 2 2 |
| 1931 | 57,138 | 6,104 | .. | 63,242 | 35 2 10 |
| 1939 | 69,219 | 11,242 | .. | 80,461 | 42 15 4 |
| 1950 | 198,680 | 58,441 | .. | 257,121 | 116 14 5 |
| 1951 | 213,687 | 68,092 | .. | 281,779 | 124 3 5 |
| 1952 | 224,347 | 76,485 | .. | 300,832 | 128 16 2 |
| 1953 | 234,834 | 85,137 | .. | 319,971 | 134 4 0 |
| 1954 | 245,607 | 94,174 | .. | 339,781 | 138 15 2 |
| 1955 | 260,150 | 104,597 | .. | 364,747 | 144 11 4 |
| 1956 | 264,317 | 110,215 | 11,644 | 386,176 | 148 4 9 |
| At 31st December, 1956 .. | 264,203 | 112,671 | 23,560 | 400,434 | (c) 152 12 0 |

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

(b) On last Wednesday in month.

(c) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—RETAIL SALES : HIRE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

(The statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves.)

| Period. (Quarter ended.) | New Agreements made during Period— | | | | Balances Outstanding at End of Period. (a) |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| | Motor Vehicles. | Plant and Machinery. | Household and Personal Goods. | Total (All Goods). | |
| NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS. | | | | | |
| 1954 Year .. . | 60,610 | 3,196 | 142,352 | 206,158 | |
| 1955—March .. . | 15,714 | 953 | 38,524 | 55,191 | .. |
| June .. . | 18,575 | 1,010 | 35,761 | 55,346 | .. |
| September .. . | 19,958 | 1,060 | 37,856 | 58,874 | .. |
| December .. . | 21,336 | 1,609 | 43,752 | 66,697 | .. |
| 1956—March .. . | 18,630 | 1,187 | 41,701 | 61,518 | .. |
| June .. . | 18,998 | 1,189 | 34,446 | 54,633 | .. |
| September .. . | 20,693 | 1,319 | 33,677 | 55,689 | .. |
| December .. . | 21,365 | 1,690 | 39,729 | 62,784 | .. |
| VALUE OF GOODS (b) (£'000). | | | | | |
| 1954—year .. . | 41,582 | 2,309 | 10,647 | 54,538 | |
| 1955—March .. . | 11,637 | 602 | 3,124 | 15,363 | .. |
| June .. . | 13,474 | 506 | 2,609 | 16,589 | .. |
| September .. . | 14,566 | 548 | 2,936 | 18,050 | .. |
| December .. . | 15,469 | 1,080 | 3,783 | 20,332 | .. |
| 1956—March .. . | 13,291 | 715 | 3,709 | 17,715 | .. |
| June .. . | 14,550 | 799 | 2,559 | 17,908 | .. |
| September .. . | 15,291 | 773 | 2,524 | 18,588 | .. |
| December .. . | 15,715 | 971 | 3,645 | 20,331 | .. |
| AMOUNT FINANCED (c) (£'000). | | | | | |
| 1954—year .. . | 24,845 | 1,415 | 8,572 | 34,832 | |
| 1955—March .. . | 6,845 | 367 | 2,585 | 9,797 | 41,843 |
| June .. . | 8,055 | 302 | 2,098 | 10,455 | 44,590 |
| September .. . | 8,760 | 328 | 2,427 | 11,515 | 48,283 |
| December .. . | 9,483 | 666 | 3,094 | 13,243 | 53,180 |
| 1956—March .. . | 7,987 | 430 | 2,975 | 11,392 | 55,030 |
| June .. . | 8,707 | 489 | 2,068 | 11,264 | 55,941 |
| September .. . | 9,507 | 494 | 2,017 | 12,018 | 57,656 |
| December .. . | 9,872 | 603 | 2,916 | 13,391 | 60,901 |

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously and include hiring charges and insurance.

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(c) Excluding hiring charges and insurance.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED.

| Period. | Under £5,000. | | £5,000 and Over. | | Total Mortgages. (a) | |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | Number. | Amount. £'000 | Number. | Amount. £'000 | Number. | Amount. £'000 |
| 1955 Year | 31,886 | 51,998 | 1,325 | 23,555 | 33,211 | 75,553 |
| 1956 year | 31,152 | 53,565 | 1,566 | 26,358 | 32,718 | 79,923 |
| 1955— | | | | | | |
| March Quarter .. | 6,693 | 10,773 | 282 | 4,183 | 6,975 | 14,956 |
| June Quarter .. | 7,963 | 12,882 | 322 | 7,233 | 8,285 | 20,115 |
| September Quarter .. | 8,357 | 13,443 | 371 | 6,294 | 8,728 | 19,737 |
| December Quarter .. | 8,873 | 14,900 | 350 | 5,845 | 9,223 | 20,745 |
| 1956— | | | | | | |
| March Quarter .. | 7,315 | 12,323 | 346 | 6,618 | 7,661 | 18,941 |
| June Quarter .. | 8,120 | 13,879 | 424 | 7,218 | 8,544 | 21,097 |
| September Quarter .. | 8,292 | 14,350 | 447 | 7,613 | 8,739 | 21,963 |
| December Quarter .. | 7,425 | 13,013 | 349 | 4,909 | 7,774 | 17,922 |

(a) Excluding mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts which numbered 7,858 during the year 1955 and 4,710 during 1956.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED DURING THE NINE MONTHS
ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.
(Lodgings under Transfer of Land Acts and Property Law Act.)

| Type of Mortgagee. | Mortgages. | | | | | |
|--|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Under £5,000. | | £5,000 and Over. | | Total. | |
| | Number. | Amount. £'000 | Number. | Amount. £'000 | Number. | Amount. £'000 |
| Banks (a) | 5,370 | 9,903 | 38 | 465 | 5,408 | 10,368 |
| Building Societies | 980 | 1,476 | .. | .. | 980 | 1,476 |
| Co-operative Housing Societies | 2,268 | 4,504 | .. | .. | 2,268 | 4,504 |
| Friendly Societies | 27 | 45 | .. | .. | 27 | 45 |
| Insurance Companies .. | 1,530 | 3,564 | 262 | 9,965 | 1,792 | 13,529 |
| Commonwealth and State Government Institutions (b) .. | 2,676 | 5,657 | 100 | 750 | 2,776 | 6,407 |
| Trustee Institutions | 145 | 344 | 39 | 2,867 | 184 | 3,211 |
| Other Mortgages | 10,731 | 15,059 | 778 | 7,402 | 11,509 | 22,461 |
| Total | 23,727 | 40,552 | 1,217 | 21,449 | 24,944 | 62,001 |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Proportion of Total Mortgages | 95.1 | 65.4 | 4.9 | 34.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Including Commonwealth Bank (all Departments), State Savings Bank, &c., but excluding 3,638 mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

(b) Including Rural Finance Corporation, Soldier Settlement Commission and War Service Homes Division of the Department of Social Services.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1956.

(Lodgings under Transfer of Land Acts and Property Law Act).

| Type of Mortgagee. | Mortgages. | | | | | |
|--|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Under £5,000. | | £5,000 and Over. | | Total. | |
| | Number. | Amount. £'000 | Number. | Amount. £'000 | Number. | Amount. £'000 |
| Banks (a) .. . | 6,509 | 11,838 | 49 | 565 | 6,558 | 12,403 |
| Building Societies .. . | 1,344 | 2,028 | 4 | 24 | 1,348 | 2,052 |
| Co-operative Housing Societies | 3,134 | 6,418 | .. | .. | 3,134 | 6,418 |
| Friendly Societies .. . | 34 | 55 | .. | .. | 34 | 55 |
| Insurance Companies .. | 1,981 | 4,638 | 358 | 12,310 | 2,339 | 16,948 |
| Commonwealth and State Government Institutions (b) | 3,672 | 7,938 | 124 | 962 | 3,796 | 8,900 |
| Trustee Institutions .. . | 216 | 508 | 54 | 3,078 | 270 | 3,586 |
| Other Mortgagees .. . | 14,262 | 20,142 | 977 | 9,419 | 15,239 | 29,561 |
| Total .. . | 31,152 | 53,565 | 1,566 | 26,358 | 32,718 | 79,923 |
| Proportion of Total Mortgages | 95.21 | 67.02 | 4.79 | 32.98 | 100.00 | 100.00 |

(a) Including Commonwealth Bank (all Departments), State Savings Bank, &c., but excluding 4,710 mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

(b) Including Rural Finance Corporation, Soldier Settlement Commission and War Service Homes Division of the Department of Social Services.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

| Particulars. | Year Ended 31st December— | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 1939. | 1954. | 1955. | 1956. |
| Number registered during period— | | | | |
| Victorian Trading | 537 | 1,521 | 1,937 | 2,081 |
| Foreign | 37 | 116 | 141 | 148 |
| Mining | 28 | 15 | 3 | 4 |
| Total | 602 | 1,652 | 2,081 | 2,233 |
| Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period— | | | | |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Victorian Trading | 17,302 | 104,166 | 96,189 | 98,702 |
| Foreign | 8,975 | 39,099 | 91,670 | 99,875 |
| Mining | .. | 82 | 11 | 110 |
| Number of Existing Companies at end of period— | | | | |
| Victorian Trading | 10,229 | 14,983 | 16,573 | 18,537 |
| Foreign | 643 | 1,306 | 1,420 | 1,548 |
| Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies— | | | | |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Victorian Trading | 6,854 | 118,829 | 90,997 | 77,163 |
| Mining | 1,097 | 11,899 | 1,999 | 4,170 |

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY AND MONTHLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

| Period. | Districts. | | | | | | | | Whole State—Weighted Average. |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| | Mallee. | Wim-mera. | Northern. | North-Central. | North-Eastern. | Western. | Central. | Gipps-land. | |
| Averages 1911-1940 (a) | Inches. | Inches. | Inches. | Inches. | Inches. | Inches. | Inches. | Inches. | Inches. |
| | 12.49 | 17.52 | 18.09 | 28.16 | 34.81 | 27.59 | 28.89 | 33.47 | 24.30 |
| Year | | | | | | | | | |
| 1952 .. | 15.22 | 21.87 | 21.86 | 35.56 | 46.24 | 39.30 | 40.66 | 48.71 | 32.75 |
| 1953 .. | 12.27 | 19.62 | 16.81 | 28.69 | 35.57 | 30.40 | 30.75 | 35.29 | 25.38 |
| 1954 .. | 13.41 | 17.68 | 21.22 | 29.88 | 35.58 | 25.92 | 30.93 | 34.02 | 25.02 |
| 1955 .. | 17.68 | 22.44 | 26.00 | 35.99 | 49.05 | 32.40 | 34.12 | 33.86 | 30.24 |
| 1956 .. | 20.85 | 24.31 | 31.45 | 41.17 | 55.59 | 34.02 | 34.29 | 44.25 | 34.69 |
| 1955— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1.31 | 1.62 | 2.12 | 3.05 | 5.14 | 2.80 | 2.43 | 2.04 | 2.45 |
| August .. | 1.79 | 4.36 | 3.31 | 6.67 | 8.26 | 6.04 | 4.78 | 3.07 | 4.46 |
| September .. | 2.38 | 1.75 | 2.97 | 3.88 | 4.87 | 2.34 | 3.35 | 3.17 | 2.95 |
| October .. | 1.55 | 2.28 | 2.67 | 3.49 | 6.40 | 2.86 | 3.25 | 3.89 | 3.18 |
| November .. | 1.05 | 1.21 | 1.28 | 2.22 | 2.75 | 2.31 | 2.14 | 2.57 | 1.80 |
| December .. | 0.52 | 0.55 | 0.89 | 2.24 | 2.73 | 2.07 | 3.52 | 5.86 | 2.24 |
| 1956— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2.73 | 2.93 | 3.83 | 4.47 | 6.37 | 3.21 | 2.63 | 2.62 | 3.48 |
| August .. | 1.21 | 2.07 | 1.64 | 4.02 | 4.30 | 4.43 | 3.54 | 3.86 | 3.00 |
| September .. | 1.73 | 2.22 | 1.91 | 3.62 | 3.87 | 2.70 | 3.58 | 3.92 | 2.82 |
| October .. | 3.00 | 2.44 | 3.75 | 4.28 | 4.91 | 3.13 | 4.41 | 4.03 | 3.61 |
| November .. | 0.82 | 0.76 | 1.35 | 2.20 | 2.31 | 2.08 | 2.53 | 4.02 | 1.96 |
| December .. | 0.12 | 0.42 | 0.21 | 0.74 | 1.10 | 1.80 | 1.50 | 2.25 | 1.03 |

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911-1940.

VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTIES FOR SEASON 1955-56.

| Districts and Counties. | Area. | Production. | Average Production per Acre. | District Average Production per Acre. |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Acres. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. |
| Central .. | | | | |
| Grant | 7,524 | 149,117 | 19.82 | 20.31 |
| North-Central .. | | | | |
| Talbot | 9,969 | 175,503 | 17.60 | 17.33 |
| Western .. | | | | |
| Grenville | 4,495 | 78,862 | 17.54 | .. |
| Hampden | 5,870 | 82,490 | 14.05 | .. |
| Ripon | 19,532 | 454,086 | 23.25 | .. |
| Wimmera .. | | | | |
| Lowan | 135,974 | 2,837,078 | 20.86 | 23.20 |
| Borung | 423,352 | 10,115,720 | 23.89 | .. |
| Kara Kara | 120,181 | 2,811,902 | 23.40 | .. |
| Mallee .. | | | | |
| Millewa | 57,765 | 734,490 | 12.72 | 17.32 |
| Weeah | 104,903 | 1,404,165 | 13.39 | .. |
| Karkarooe | 554,466 | 9,172,480 | 16.54 | .. |
| Tatchera | 340,048 | 6,996,368 | 20.57 | .. |
| Northern .. | | | | |
| Gunbower | 9,207 | 148,657 | 16.15 | 17.10 |
| Gladstone | 83,573 | 1,533,788 | 18.35 | .. |
| Bendigo | 60,857 | 1,011,397 | 16.62 | .. |
| Rodney | 28,145 | 508,461 | 18.07 | .. |
| Moira | 147,896 | 2,434,983 | 16.46 | .. |
| North-Eastern .. | | | | |
| Bogong | 18,496 | 272,526 | 14.73 | 14.31 |
| Gippsland .. | | | | |
| Tanjil | 1,234 | 31,096 | 25.20 | 25.06 |
| Remaining Counties .. | | | | |
| Remaining Counties | 7,923 | 129,902 | 16.40 | .. |
| Grain .. | 2,141,410 | 41,083,071 | 19.19 | .. |
| Hay .. | 33,003 | .. | .. | .. |
| Total .. | 2,174,413 | .. | .. | .. |

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

| Season. | For Grain— | | | Hay. | Potatoes. | Grapes for Drying (a). | Fruit (b). |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|------------|
| | Wheat. | Oats. | Barley. | | | | |
| <i>Area of Crops.</i> | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52 .. | 2,463,574 | 676,503 | 186,224 | 640,418 | 42,108 | 34,633 | 55,376 |
| 1952-53 .. | 2,232,097 | 756,129 | 234,597 | 752,932 | 52,851 | 35,706 | 52,729 |
| 1953-54 .. | 2,389,304 | 583,075 | 374,556 | 807,223 | 52,745 | 35,735 | 52,519 |
| 1954-55 .. | 2,390,173 | 644,444 | 280,595 | 739,099 | 44,075 | 35,921 | 52,468 |
| 1955-56 .. | 2,141,410 | 871,068 | 309,111 | (c) 879,288 | 37,020 | 35,298 | 50,913 |
| <i>Total Production.</i> | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52 .. | Bushels, 45,994,752 | Bushels, 11,151,260 | Bushels, 3,619,576 | Tons, 1,046,764 | Tons, 178,399 | Tons (d), 48,692 | .. |
| 1952-53 .. | 50,334,634 | 12,599,050 | 4,734,175 | 1,245,217 | 133,148 | 61,687 | .. |
| 1953-54 .. | 53,697,611 | 9,851,708 | 7,932,103 | 1,360,662 | 213,714 | 55,742 | .. |
| 1954-55 .. | 48,484,543 | 10,020,742 | 4,945,720 | 1,207,679 | 206,577 | 54,042 | .. |
| 1955-56 .. | 41,083,071 | 14,858,117 | 6,876,861 | 1,525,997 | 163,239 | 34,567 | .. |
| <i>Average Yield per Acre.</i> | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52 .. | Bushels, 18.67 | Bushels, 16.48 | Bushels, 19.44 | Tons, 1.63 | Tons, 4.24 | Tons (d), 1.41 | .. |
| 1952-53 .. | 22.55 | 16.66 | 20.18 | 1.65 | 2.52 | 1.73 | .. |
| 1953-54 .. | 22.47 | 16.90 | 21.18 | 1.69 | 4.05 | 1.56 | .. |
| 1954-55 .. | 20.28 | 15.55 | 17.63 | 1.63 | 4.69 | 1.50 | .. |
| 1955-56 .. | 19.19 | 17.06 | 22.25 | 1.74 | 4.41 | 0.98 | .. |

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1955-56 amounted to 2,566, 4,431, and 2,522 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1955-56 was 14,301 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 33,003 acres and oaten 198,873 acres.

(d) Weight of dried produce.

VICTORIA—VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN FOR GRAIN AND HAY IN 1955.

| Variety. | Area (Actual). | Percentage of Total Area. | |
|---|----------------|---------------------------|---|
| | | Acres. | % |
| Insignia .. | 1,072,131 | 49.31 | |
| Pinnacle .. | 537,148 | 24.70 | |
| Quadrat .. | 333,881 | 15.35 | |
| Sherpa .. | 69,979 | 3.22 | |
| Magnet .. | 42,462 | 1.95 | |
| Bencubbin .. | 30,059 | 1.38 | |
| Gabo .. | 29,369 | 1.35 | |
| Baldmin .. | 20,456 | 0.94 | |
| Pindar .. | 8,981 | 0.41 | |
| Ghurka .. | 4,571 | 0.21 | |
| Bungulla .. | 4,179 | 0.19 | |
| Insignia 49 .. | 2,936 | 0.14 | |
| Koorda .. | 2,450 | 0.11 | |
| Javelin .. | 1,693 | 0.08 | |
| Kendee .. | 1,631 | 0.08 | |
| Turvey .. | 984 | 0.05 | |
| Sabre .. | 966 | 0.04 | |
| Blue Stem .. | 943 | 0.04 | |
| Glucclub .. | 861 | 0.04 | |
| Bobin .. | 847 | 0.04 | |
| Diadem .. | 735 | 0.03 | |
| Warigo .. | 592 | 0.03 | |
| Regalia .. | 547 | 0.03 | |
| Rajah .. | 426 | 0.02 | |
| Federation .. | 351 | 0.02 | |
| Gluyas .. | 298 | 0.01 | |
| Scimitar .. | 269 | 0.01 | |
| Sepoy .. | 246 | 0.01 | |
| Javelin 48 .. | 176 | 0.01 | |
| Eureka .. | 166 | 0.01 | |
| All other varieties and unknown seed .. | 4,080 | 0.19 | |
| Total | 2,174,413 | 100.00 | |

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

| At 31st March— | Horses. | Cattle. | | | Pigs. | Sheep. |
|----------------|---------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|---------|----------------|
| | | All Dairy Cattle. | Beef Cattle. | Total. | | |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 1951 | 186,415 | 1,489,393 | 726,860 | 2,216,253 | 237,127 | 20,011,933 |
| 1952 | 169,246 | 1,438,523 | 776,007 | 2,214,530 | 213,670 | 21,537,220 |
| 1953 | 153,662 | 1,476,980 | 820,228 | 2,297,208 | 182,824 | 21,368,196 |
| 1954 | 140,818 | 1,552,968 | 817,216 | 2,370,184 | 232,384 | 21,438,007 |
| 1955 | 132,172 | 1,612,910 | 843,393 | 2,456,303 | 263,666 | 22,329,515 |
| 1956 | 118,705 | 1,662,548 | 954,039 | 2,616,587 | 227,223 | (a) 23,343,212 |

(a) The highest number ever recorded and exceeds the March, 1955, record of 22,329,515 by 1,013,697.

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

| Season. | Clip. | Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy). | Total Quantity (Greasy). | Gross Value. | Average Price per lb. (a) |
|---------------|----------|--|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| | '000 lb. | '000 lb. | '000 lb. | £'000 | d. |
| 1950-51 | 193,211 | 25,055 | 218,266 | 132,946 | 146.18 |
| 1951-52 | 201,776 | 23,182 | 224,958 | 63,638 | 67.89 |
| 1952-53 | 214,035 | 38,160 | 252,195 | 78,761 | 74.95 |
| 1953-54 | 192,184 | 31,297 | 223,481 | 73,384 | 78.81 |
| 1954-55 | 219,517 | 33,847 | 253,364 | 75,125 | 71.16 |
| 1955-56 | 238,546 | 34,810 | 273,356 | 69,020 | 60.60 |

(a) Includes value of wool stripped from and exported on skins.

DAIRY CATTLE IN VICTORIA.

| District. | Dairy Cows. | | | Other Heifers. | Calves. | Bulls. | Culled Cattle. (a) | Total Dairy Cattle. |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|---------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | Milking Cows. | Dry Cows. | Springing Heifers. | | | | | |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Central .. | 144,760 | 54,104 | 16,663 | 38,283 | 39,684 | 7,322 | .. | 300,816 |
| North-Central .. | 18,561 | 8,889 | 2,950 | 6,639 | 7,786 | 1,270 | .. | 46,095 |
| Western .. | 152,284 | 102,013 | 24,415 | 52,338 | 47,285 | 10,298 | .. | 388,633 |
| Wimmera .. | 12,235 | 7,393 | 2,271 | 3,799 | 5,655 | 1,552 | .. | 32,905 |
| Mallee .. | 13,954 | 4,871 | 2,059 | 3,637 | 5,237 | 1,072 | .. | 30,830 |
| Northern .. | 134,033 | 31,782 | 15,121 | 35,289 | 44,098 | 7,198 | .. | 267,521 |
| North-Eastern .. | 68,656 | 31,890 | 16,850 | 16,872 | 27,005 | 3,947 | .. | 165,220 |
| Gippsland .. | 235,649 | 50,363 | 19,827 | 51,861 | 62,442 | 10,386 | .. | 430,528 |
| Totals at 31st March, 1956 | 780,132 | 291,305 | 100,156 | 208,718 | 239,192 | 43,045 | .. | 1,662,548 |
| Totals at 31st March— | | | | | | | | |
| 1952 .. | 655,127 | 259,682 | 78,392 | 197,595 | 210,758 | 36,969 | .. | 1,438,523 |
| 1953 .. | 673,975 | 273,086 | 77,242 | 193,141 | 220,273 | 39,263 | .. | 1,476,980 |
| 1954 .. | 685,084 | 302,261 | 87,228 | 199,404 | 225,802 | 40,951 | 12,238 | 1,552,968 |
| 1955 .. | 757,080 | 268,153 | 91,313 | 208,314 | 233,804 | 41,057 | 13,189 | 1,612,910 |
| 1956 .. | 780,132 | 291,305 | 100,156 | 208,718 | 239,192 | 43,045 | .. | 1,662,548 |

(a) Collected as such only in 1954 and 1955.

VICTORIA—SHEEP AND LAMBS.

| District. | One Year Old and Upwards. | | | | Under One Year Lambs. | Total Sheep and Lambs. |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | Rams. | Breeding Ewes. (a). | Other Ewes. | Wethers. | | |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Central .. | 25,800 | 972,432 | 81,847 | 596,367 | 354,030 | 2,030,476 |
| North-Central .. | 18,935 | 750,998 | 58,707 | 626,571 | 291,864 | 1,747,075 |
| Western .. | 88,202 | 3,044,755 | 489,202 | 2,434,515 | 1,511,224 | 7,567,898 |
| Wimmera .. | 38,119 | 1,489,569 | 168,113 | 1,285,464 | 734,852 | 3,716,117 |
| Mallee .. | 16,816 | 853,743 | 20,437 | 217,536 | 342,737 | 1,451,269 |
| Northern .. | 52,156 | 2,142,142 | 74,165 | 700,198 | 824,143 | 3,792,804 |
| North-Eastern .. | 21,277 | 918,459 | 50,751 | 430,109 | 314,347 | 1,734,943 |
| Gippsland .. | 13,089 | 580,182 | 55,398 | 404,859 | 249,102 | 1,302,630 |
| Totals at 31st March, 1956 .. | 274,394 | 10,752,280 | 998,620 | 6,695,619 | 4,622,299 | 23,343,212 |
| Totals at 31st March— | | | | | | |
| 1952 .. | 249,281 | 9,782,940 | 994,731 | 5,789,093 | 4,721,184 | 21,537,229 |
| 1953 .. | 250,427 | 9,999,346 | 1,003,129 | 5,882,446 | 4,232,848 | 21,368,196 |
| 1954 .. | 247,795 | 9,604,805 | 1,045,615 | 6,104,951 | 4,434,841 | 21,438,007 |
| 1955 .. | 258,890 | 10,084,016 | 1,012,503 | 6,542,895 | 4,431,211 | 22,329,515 |
| 1956 .. | 274,394 | 10,752,280 | 998,620 | 6,695,619 | 4,622,299 | 23,343,212(b) |

(a) Includes ewes mated as well as those not being bred from during the season under review. Breeding ewes not mated numbered 768,078 at 31st March, 1956.

(b) The highest number ever recorded and exceeds the March, 1955, record of 22,329,515 by 1,013,697.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

| Particulars. | No. | Year Ended 30th June— | | | |
|---|---------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|-------|
| | | 1939. | 1953. | 1954. | 1955. |
| Factories | 9,250 | 15,154 | 15,533 | 15,861 | |
| Persons employed (a)— | | | | | |
| Males | 136,218 | 228,724 | 240,698 | 251,675 | |
| Females | 65,613 | 82,035 | 90,579 | 94,973 | |
| Total | 201,831 | 310,759 | 331,277 | 346,648 | |
| Wages paid (b)— | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
| Males | 29,006 | 171,897 | 190,573 | 213,377 | |
| Females | 7,021 | 38,981 | 45,463 | 49,373 | |
| Total | 36,027 | 210,878 | 236,036 | 262,750 | |
| Value of— | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
| Fuel, light, and power used | 3,595 | 24,354 | 27,540 | 30,002 | |
| Lubricating oil and water used and repairs | 2,655 | 15,948 | 18,123 | 21,422 | |
| Materials used (including containers) | 80,722 | 461,811 | 531,528 | 597,009 | |
| Production (net) | 65,996 | 358,033 | 408,314 | 452,223 | |
| Output | 152,968 | 860,146 | 985,505 | 1,100,656 | |
| Land and buildings | 42,026 | 135,325 | 158,389 | 186,324 | |
| Machinery and plant | 38,570 | 147,365 | 181,059 | 226,347 | |

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

| Class of Industry. | £'000 | Year Ended 30th June— | | | |
|---|--------|-----------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| | | 1939. | 1953. | 1954. | 1955. |
| Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products | 1,576 | 6,863 | 7,730 | 9,302 | |
| Bricks, pottery, glass, &c. | 1,530 | 5,209 | 6,205 | 7,122 | |
| Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils, and grease | 4,462 | 21,506 | 27,346 | 33,067 | |
| Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances | 16,460 | 123,089 | 138,569 | 157,227 | |
| Precious metals, jewellery, and plate | 547 | 2,646 | 3,103 | 3,169 | |
| Textiles and textile goods (not dress) | 6,324 | 36,219 | 43,860 | 43,924 | |
| Skins, and leather (not clothing or footwear) .. | 1,373 | 6,617 | 6,464 | 6,588 | |
| Clothing | 7,865 | 36,689 | 41,286 | 43,224 | |
| Food, drink, and tobacco | 12,610 | 51,322 | 55,231 | 57,250 | |
| Woodworking and basketware | 2,391 | 14,473 | 16,383 | 18,943 | |
| Furniture, bedding, &c. | 1,281 | 6,001 | 6,301 | 7,106 | |
| Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, etc. .. | 4,930 | 23,659 | 27,373 | 31,287 | |
| Rubber | 1,573 | 7,092 | 9,296 | 9,949 | |
| Musical instruments | 24 | 190 | 296 | 304 | |
| Miscellaneous products | 722 | 8,140 | 10,357 | 11,881 | |
| Heat, light, and power | 2,328 | 8,318 | 8,514 | 11,880 | |
| Total | 65,996 | 358,033 | 408,314 | 452,223 | |

Note.—“Added Value” is the source from which provision is made for the following:—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1954-55.

| Industry. | Gross Value of Pro- duction. (a) | Marketing Costs. | Value at Place of Production. | Costs of Production. (b) | Net Value of Production. | Net Value per Head of Population. |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Primary— | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £ s. d. |
| Agriculture .. | 84,305 | 14,005 | 70,300 | 8,784 | 61,516 | 24 14 6 |
| Pastoral .. | 130,680 | 11,257 | 119,423 | 7,228 | 112,195 | 45 1 10 |
| Dairying .. | 62,001 | 2,324 | 59,677 | 13,250 | 46,427 | 18 13 2 |
| Poultry and Bee Farming | 20,261 | 1,571 | 18,690 | 6,541 | 12,149 | 4 17 8 |
| Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries .. | 14,039 | 1,049 | 12,990 | .. | 12,990 | 5 4 5 |
| Mining .. | 10,810 | 730 | 10,080 | 1,934 | 8,146 | 3 5 6 |
| Total Primary .. | 322,096 | 30,936 | 291,160 | 37,737 | 253,423 | 101 17 1 |
| Manufacturing (c) | 452,223 | .. | 452,223 | .. | 452,223 | 181 15 1 |
| Total all Industries .. | 774,319 | 30,936 | 743,383 | 37,737 | 705,646 | 283 12 2 |

(a) Gross value is defined as the value of recorded production at the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Costs of production include stock feed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but exclude depreciation, wages and maintenance costs.

(c) Manufacturing is included at its net added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE (a) OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

| Year. | Industry. | | | | | | | Total. | |
|------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|---|--|---------|---------------------------------|----------|--|
| | Agri- culture. | Pastoral. | Dairying. | Fowl- try and Bee Farm- ing. | Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries. | Mining. | Manu- fac- ture- ring. | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | |
| 1939-40 .. | 6 8 9 | 8 13 10 | 6 10 6 | 1 13 6 | 1 3 1 | 1 2 4 | 39 3 2 | 64 15 2 | |
| 1940-41 .. | 3 16 7 | 9 14 2 | 6 16 4 | 1 4 9 | 1 12 9 | 1 6 2 | 46 7 8 | 70 18 5 | |
| 1941-42 .. | 8 1 9 | 10 9 6 | 6 9 0 | 1 8 4 | 2 2 1 | 1 2 8 | 56 15 6 | 86 8 10 | |
| 1942-43 .. | 10 2 11 | 12 11 4 | 6 6 6 | 2 10 1 | 1 17 6 | 0 19 1 | 61 11 7 | 95 19 0 | |
| 1943-44 .. | 8 12 3 | 13 2 9 | 6 19 1 | 2 12 6 | 2 11 0 | 0 15 6 | 62 0 3 | 96 13 4 | |
| 1944-45 .. | 7 8 7 | 12 3 9 | 7 6 4 | 2 15 2 | 2 9 6 | 0 15 5 | 61 0 4 | 93 19 1 | |
| 1945-46 .. | 11 2 7 | 8 19 7 | 7 9 2 | 2 17 4 | 3 0 0 | 0 17 3 | 60 14 7 | 95 0 6 | |
| 1946-47 .. | 16 3 9 | 14 0 9 | 8 16 10 | 2 15 1 | 3 3 11 | 1 0 2 | 64 9 3 | 110 9 9 | |
| 1947-48 .. | 24 2 1 | 20 11 10 | 9 10 4 | 2 19 8 | 3 11 4 | 1 2 2 | 76 12 0 | 138 9 5 | |
| 1948-49 .. | 18 12 5 | 25 7 0 | 10 10 8 | 3 16 5 | 3 18 0 | 1 0 7 | 86 9 7 | 149 14 8 | |
| 1949-50 .. | 24 16 9 | 35 14 0 | 12 10 5 | 3 18 1 | 4 5 9 | 1 0 10 | 101 0 6 | 183 6 4 | |
| 1950-51 .. | 23 18 1 | 72 11 5 | 13 4 5 | 4 10 2 | 4 12 5 | 1 6 7 | 123 4 10 | 243 7 11 | |
| 1951-52 .. | 27 16 10 | 43 7 4 | 17 0 3 | 5 11 1 | 5 8 9 | 1 16 7 | 145 5 6 | 246 6 4 | |
| 1952-53 .. | 27 10 10 | 45 18 2 | 18 1 5 | 6 8 4 | 5 4 9 | 2 16 2 | 151 11 0 | 257 10 8 | |
| 1953-54 .. | 27 1 8 | 44 19 2 | 19 1 5 | 5 18 10 | 5 2 0 | 3 0 1 | 168 10 6 | 273 13 8 | |
| 1954-55 .. | 24 14 6 | 45 1 10 | 18 13 2 | 4 17 8 | 5 4 5 | 3 5 6 | 181 15 1 | 283 12 2 | |

(a) See footnote (b) above.

VICTORIA—PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND BROWN COAL AND BRIQUETTES
MANUFACTURED.

| Period. | Black Coal. | Brown Coal. | | | | | Briquettes Manufactured. (a). | |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | | State Electricity Commission. | | | Privately- operated Mines. | Total. | | |
| | | Yallourn. | Yallourn North. | Morwell. | | | | |
| Year ended 31st December— | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | |
| 1939 | 365 | 3,650 | .. | .. | 1 | 3,651 | 415 | |
| 1949 | 123 | 6,321 | 644 | .. | 410 | 7,375 | 577 | |
| 1950 | 126 | 6,211 | 623 | .. | 493 | 7,327 | 527 | |
| 1951 | 148 | 6,314 | 927 | .. | 595 | 7,836 | 583 | |
| 1952 | 144 | 6,448 | 1,087 | .. | 569 | 8,104 | 554 | |
| 1953 | 152 | 6,475 | 1,242 | .. | 540 | 8,257 | 560 | |
| 1954 | 141 | 7,081 | 1,312 | .. | 938 | 9,331 | 614 | |
| 1955 | 133 | 7,721 | 1,505 | 11 | 875 | 10,112 | 636 | |
| 1956 | 119 | 8,106 | 1,548 | 7 | 899 | 10,560 | 620 | |
| 1955— | | | | | | | | |
| March Quarter .. | 32 | 1,753 | 331 | .. | 185 | 2,269 | 156 | |
| June Quarter .. | 32 | 1,970 | 380 | .. | 222 | 2,572 | 168 | |
| September Quarter .. | 34 | 2,061 | 413 | .. | 256 | 2,730 | 161 | |
| December Quarter .. | 35 | 1,937 | 381 | 11 | 212 | 2,541 | 151 | |
| 1956— | | | | | | | | |
| March Quarter .. | 26 | 1,884 | 361 | 4 | 190 | 2,439 | 163 | |
| June Quarter .. | 29 | 2,056 | 395 | .. | 222 | 2,673 | 160 | |
| September Quarter .. | 32 | 2,192 | 427 | 1 | 261 | 2,881 | 156 | |
| December Quarter .. | 32 | 1,974 | 365 | 2 | 226 | 2,567 | 141 | |

(a) The quantity of brown coal used in the manufacture of briquettes is included in previous columns in the figures of production by the State Electricity Commission.

VICTORIA—IMPORTS (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA) OF BLACK COAL.

| Period. | Interstate. | | | Oversea. | | | Grand Total— Inter- state and Oversea. |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---|
| | From New South Wales. | From Queens- land. | Total. | From United Kingdom. | From India. | From South Africa. | |
| Year ended 31st December— | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. |
| 1939 | 1,404 | .. | 1,404 | .. | .. | .. | 1,404 |
| 1949 | 1,197 | .. | 1,197 | 145 | 185 | 24 | 354 |
| 1950 | 1,144 | 8 | 1,152 | .. | 211 | 217 | 428 |
| 1951 | 1,236 | 72 | 1,308 | .. | 139 | 72 | 211 |
| 1952 | 1,488 | 166 | 1,654 | .. | 200 | .. | 200 |
| 1953 | 1,262 | 160 | 1,422 | .. | 17 | .. | 17 |
| 1954 | 1,252 | 143 | 1,395 | .. | .. | .. | 1,395 |
| 1955 | 1,241 | 121 | 1,362 | .. | .. | .. | 1,362 |
| 1956 | 1,111 | 82 | 1,193 | .. | .. | .. | 1,193 |
| 1955— | | | | | | | |
| March Quarter | 253 | 22 | 275 | .. | .. | .. | 275 |
| June Quarter | 352 | 19 | 371 | .. | .. | .. | 371 |
| Sept. Quarter | 338 | 53 | 391 | .. | .. | .. | 391 |
| Dec. Quarter | 298 | 27 | 325 | .. | .. | .. | 325 |
| 1956— | | | | | | | |
| March Quarter | 191 | 8 | 199 | .. | .. | .. | 199 |
| June Quarter | 319 | 26 | 345 | .. | .. | .. | 345 |
| Sept. Quarter | 335 | 24 | 359 | .. | .. | .. | 359 |
| Dec. Quarter | 266 | 24 | 290 | .. | .. | .. | 290 |

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—ELECTRICITY GENERATED
AND SENT OUT.

| Period. | Electricity Generated— | | | Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations— | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---|----------------------|------------------|
| | Hydro Stations. | Thermal Stations. | Total. | Hydro Stations. | Thermal Stations. | Total. |
| | kWh millions. | kWh millions. | kWh millions. | kWh millions. | kWh millions. | kWh millions. |
| 1938-39 Year .. | 103.2 | 824.1 | 927.3 | 102.8 | 739.2 | 842.0 |
| 1950-51 .. | 194.2 | 2,411.3 | 2,605.5 | 191.7 | 2,276.2 | 2,467.9 |
| 1951-52 .. | 226.4 | 2,565.3 | 2,791.7 | 224.1 | 2,420.5 | 2,644.6 |
| 1952-53 .. | 234.9 | 2,785.5 | 3,020.4 | 232.2 | 2,622.4 | 2,854.6 |
| 1953-54 .. | 154.9 | 3,347.5 | 3,502.4 | 151.4 | 3,149.5 | 3,300.9 |
| 1954-55 .. | 219.3 | 3,751.1 | 3,970.4 | 215.7 | 3,514.6 | 3,730.3 |
| 1955-56 .. | 459.3 | 3,970.0 | 4,429.3 | 455.8 | 3,726.4 | 4,182.2 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | |
| March Quarter .. | 48.1 | 859.4 | 907.5 | 47.7 | 804.2 | 851.9 |
| June Quarter .. | 51.9 | 1,035.1 | 1,087.0 | 51.4 | 971.3 | 1,022.7 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | |
| September Quarter .. | 123.3 | 1,050.3 | 1,173.6 | 122.3 | 984.8 | 1,107.1 |
| December Quarter .. | 122.9 | 927.5 | 1,050.4 | 122.0 | 869.1 | 991.1 |
| March Quarter .. | 70.5 | 933.1 | 1,003.6 | 69.8 | 876.8 | 946.6 |
| June Quarter .. | 142.6 | 1,059.1 | 1,201.7 | 141.7 | 995.7 | 1,137.4 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | |
| September Quarter .. | 97.7 | 1,201.4 | 1,299.1 | 96.7 | 1,132.1 | 1,228.8 |
| December Quarter .. | 176.4 | 962.9 | 1,139.3 | 175.5 | 901.9 | 1,077.4 |

Note.—Figures above of electricity generated by the State Electricity Commission (including Melbourne City Council Power House, Spencer-street) represented in 1954-55, 99 per cent. of the total generated by all authorities in Victoria.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.

| Period. | New Buildings— | | | | Alterations and Additions. | | Total. | |
|----------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| | Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.). | | Other Buildings. | | | | | |
| | No. | Value. £'000 | No. | Value. £'000 | No. | Value. £'000 | No. | Value. £'000 |
| (a) Old Series. | | | | | | | | |
| 1938 Year .. | 5,333 | 5,318 | 531 | 1,641 | 6,124 | 1,446 | 11,988 | 8,405 |
| 1948 .. | 8,531 | 14,837 | 371 | 1,660 | 6,090 | 2,217 | 14,992 | 18,714 |
| 1949 .. | 10,768 | 20,391 | 331 | 1,846 | 6,920 | 2,142 | 18,019 | 24,379 |
| 1950 .. | 12,268 | 26,343 | 467 | 3,045 | 10,368 | 3,185 | 23,103 | 32,573 |
| 1951 .. | 11,110 | 29,462 | 593 | 4,706 | 17,450 | 5,639 | 29,158 | 39,807 |
| 1952 .. | 6,621 | 18,916 | 777 | 6,299 | 17,212 | 6,584 | 24,610 | 31,799 |
| 1953 .. | 8,671 | 25,823 | 1,311 | 7,400 | 17,713 | 7,182 | 27,695 | 40,405 |
| 1954 .. | 10,719 | 33,589 | 1,304 | 11,715 | 17,509 | 8,834 | 29,532 | 54,138 |
| (b) New Series. | | | | | | | | |
| 1954 Year .. | 13,505 | 40,550 | 1,592 | 17,140 | 19,333 | 9,496 | 34,430 | 67,186 |
| 1955 " | 14,305 | 45,938 | 1,299 | 14,524 | 20,729 | 12,819 | 36,333 | 73,281 |
| 1956 " | 13,023 | 44,059 | 1,296 | 14,600 | 21,051 | 12,431 | 35,870 | 71,090 |
| 1955— | | | | | | | | |
| March Quarter .. | 3,329 | 10,774 | 369 | 3,488 | 4,912 | 3,114 | 8,610 | 17,376 |
| June Quarter .. | 3,559 | 11,187 | 313 | 3,842 | 5,355 | 3,514 | 9,227 | 18,543 |
| September Quarter .. | 3,846 | 12,352 | 335 | 3,930 | 5,492 | 3,371 | 9,673 | 19,653 |
| December Quarter .. | 3,571 | 11,625 | 282 | 3,264 | 4,970 | 2,820 | 8,823 | 17,709 |
| 1956— | | | | | | | | |
| March Quarter .. | 3,433 | 11,365 | 275 | 2,901 | 5,073 | 2,973 | 8,781 | 17,239 |
| June Quarter .. | 3,483 | 11,912 | 353 | 4,853 | 5,800 | 3,158 | 9,636 | 19,923 |
| September Quarter .. | 3,117 | 10,809 | 316 | 4,168 | 5,276 | 3,511 | 8,709 | 18,488 |
| December Quarter .. | 2,990 | 9,972 | 352 | 2,678 | 4,902 | 2,790 | 8,244 | 15,440 |

As from 1st January, 1954, the metropolitan area was re-defined for statistical purposes by the inclusion of additional municipal areas.

(a) Municipal areas in metropolis prior to 1st January, 1954.

(b) Municipal areas in metropolis as from 1st January, 1954.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

| Period. | New Buildings— | | | | Alterations and Additions. | | Total. | |
|----------------------|---|--------|------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.). | | Other Buildings. | | | | | |
| | No. | Value. | No. | Value. | No. | Value. | No. | Value. |
| | | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 |
| 1939 Year | 647 | 460 | 59 | 107 | 619 | 153 | 1,325 | 720 |
| 1948 ,,, | 800 | 1,203 | 33 | 443 | 832 | 251 | 1,665 | 1,897 |
| 1949 ,,, | 1,060 | 1,793 | 41 | 585 | 1,149 | 275 | 2,250 | 2,653 |
| 1950 ,,, | 1,280 | 2,446 | 29 | 118 | 1,172 | 429 | 2,481 | 2,993 |
| 1951 ,,, | 1,072 | 2,469 | 60 | 572 | 1,369 | 362 | 2,501 | 3,403 |
| 1952 ,,, | 657 | 1,587 | 95 | 642 | 1,363 | 604 | 2,115 | 2,833 |
| 1953 ,,, | 787 | 2,075 | 150 | 1,173 | 1,473 | 712 | 2,410 | 3,960 |
| 1954 ,,, | 964 | 2,787 | 159 | 1,318 | 1,558 | 858 | 2,681 | 4,963 |
| 1955 ,,, | 868 | 2,662 | 141 | 1,515 | 1,606 | 1,390 | 2,615 | 5,567 |
| 1956 ,,, | 798 | 2,630 | 179 | 2,285 | 1,526 | 1,143 | 2,503 | 6,058 |
| 1955— | | | | | | | | |
| March Quarter .. | 198 | 585 | 25 | 226 | 390 | 239 | 613 | 1,050 |
| June Quarter .. | 220 | 675 | 42 | 370 | 409 | 273 | 671 | 1,318 |
| September Quarter .. | 243 | 760 | 38 | 494 | 410 | 690 | 691 | 1,944 |
| December Quarter .. | 207 | 642 | 36 | 425 | 397 | 188 | 640 | 1,255 |
| 1956— | | | | | | | | |
| March Quarter .. | 201 | 622 | 39 | 474 | 352 | 273 | 592 | 1,369 |
| June Quarter .. | 207 | 674 | 44 | 580 | 456 | 358 | 707 | 1,612 |
| September Quarter .. | 181 | 633 | 49 | 438 | 377 | 293 | 607 | 1,364 |
| December Quarter .. | 209 | 701 | 47 | 793 | 341 | 219 | 597 | 1,713 |

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

| Period. | Contracts Let(a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units. | | | Dwelling Units Completed during Period. | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------|--|----------------------------------|--------|
| | Metropolitan Area. | Outside Metropolitan Area. | Total. | Metropolitan Area. | Outside Metropolitan Area. | Total. |
| | | | | | | |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Prior to 1942-43 .. | 1,092 | 135 | 1,227 | 1,080 | 135 | 1,215 |
| 1942-43 Year .. | 116 | .. | 116 | 79 | .. | 79 |
| 1943-44 .. | 323 | 75 | 398 | 118 | .. | 118 |
| 1944-45 .. | 747 | 345 | 1,092 | 495 | 115 | 610 |
| 1945-46 .. | 1,677 | 677 | 2,354 | 889 | 204 | 1,093 |
| 1946-47 .. | 2,069 | 930 | 2,999 | 921 | 570 | 1,491 |
| 1947-48 .. | 1,281 | 919 | 2,200 | 1,388 | 791 | 2,179 |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,221 | 626 | 1,847 | 1,453 | 904 | 2,357 |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,287 | 1,183 | 2,470 | 1,479 | 975 | 2,454 |
| 1950-51 .. | 1,575 | 1,439 | 3,014 | 1,365 | 1,334 | 2,699 |
| 1951-52 .. | 931 | 2,039 | 2,970 | 1,428 | 1,542 | 2,970 |
| 1952-53 .. | 1,528 | 2,032 | 3,560 | 1,573 | 1,665 | 3,238 |
| 1953-54 .. | 2,605(b) | 718 | 3,323 | 2,140(b) | 1,450 | 3,590 |
| 1954-55 .. | 2,711(b) | 1,304 | 4,015 | 2,464(b) | 1,496 | 3,960 |
| 1955-56 .. | 1,029(b) | 1,109 | 2,138 | 2,625(b) | 1,527 | 4,152 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | |
| September Quarter .. | 218(b) | 220 | 438 | 636(b) | 382 | 1,018 |
| December Quarter .. | 560(b) | 502 | 1,062 | 587(b) | 423 | 1,010 |
| March Quarter .. | 121(b) | 276 | 397 | 601(b) | 289 | 890 |
| June Quarter .. | 130(b) | 111 | 241 | 801(b) | 433 | 1,234 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | |
| September Quarter .. | 214(b) | 219 | 433 | 360(b) | 314 | 674 |
| December Quarter .. | 268(b) | 128 | 396 | 389(b) | 338 | 727 |
| Grand Total to 31st December 1956 .. | 20,674 | 13,878 | 34,552(c) | 20,246 | 13,360(c) | 33,606 |

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Figures relate to the metropolitan area as re-defined for statistical purposes from 1st January, 1954.

(c) Including to 31st December, 1953, information relating to municipal areas incorporated in the metropolitan area as from 1st January, 1954, viz:—

| | Contracts for Dwelling Units. | Dwelling Units Completed. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Shire of Dandenong .. | 362 | 227 |
| Shire of Frankston and Hastings .. | 106 | 103 |

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz, 234 at Sunshine and 34 at Coburg.